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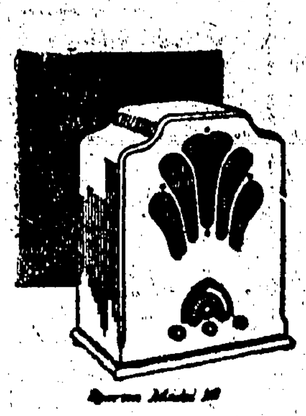
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3 HONG KONG CRICKETERS IN BED WITH 'FLU IN SHANGHAI

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SOME DRIFTING ON SHARK INFESTED SEAS

HEART-RENDING SCENES AT STEAMSHIP OFFICES.

SURVIVOR'S VIVID STORY OF FIRE

The latest cables of the Georges Philippar fire disaster report definitely that 658 are saved, but that the remainder of the crew and passengers, estimated at nearly 200, are almost certainly dead.

Information is still scarce and the number of people on board the abandoned ship is not definitely known. If the the number was 850, as at first reported, some 190 are missing. Some may have been picked, some 190 are missing. Some may have been held that they have survived.

ALL FEARED MISSING.

Aden, Yesterday.

It is feared that all those missing from the Georges Philippar are dead. It is practically certain that none has been rescued by larger vessels in the vicinity, though there is faint hope that some of the lifeboats or rafts may have reached the coast or been picked up by Arab dhows.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed at the offices of the Messageries Maritimes which were crowded with enquirers in regard to the passengers and crew of the Georges Philippar. Many were weeping whilst the others were happy to find the names of relatives and friends in the lists of the rescued.

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THE NEW JAPANESE CABINET

TO BE FORMED BY DR. SUZUKI TO-MORROW

ARAKI EFFECTS AN AGREEMENT.

CONSIDERATION OF ARMY

Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is reported that Dr. Suzuki and Mr. Araki, on behalf of the Seiyukai Army respectively, have reached an understanding regarding the nature of the new Cabinet, while Mr. Saionji, who is arriving in Tokyo this afternoon, is reported to have agreed to give full consideration to the Army's opinion; consequently it is expected that Dr. Suzuki will form a Cabinet to-morrow, based on the Seiyukai, but containing a proportion of non-party members, including Prince Konoye, the influential leader of this Upper House.

PRELIMINARY FORECASTS.

The preliminary forecasts generally agree that the new Ministry will include:—

Foreign Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, the president Ambassador in Rome, and his son-in-law, Count Makino as Privy Seal; Finance Minister, Mr. Kazue Shoda; War Minister, Lieut.-General Araki.

Despite personal desire to resign holding himself technically responsible for the action of the junior officers concerned in the May 15 outbreak, the Navy Minister will be Vice-Admiral Yonai, Sentaro.—Reuter.

SHING MUN SCHEME.

Second Part to Be Started.

COUNCIL SEEK SANCTION FROM LONDON.

Sir Henry Pollock's Motion Passed.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock's motion with regard to the necessity of immediately securing the Home Authorities' sanction to the second part of the Shing Mun scheme was put to the vote at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council and carried unanimously. The Official members of the Council abstained from voting.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government told the meeting that the Government accepted Sir Henry's motion and told the members that they could rest assured that the urgency of the matter was fully appreciated by the Government, and he would not fail to communicate the views expressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Replying to the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall's two questions with regard to improvement in the present scheme of water supply, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, acting Colonial Secretary said:

1. The Government does not feel justified in re-opening the rider-mains. The Director of Public Works has a scheme under consideration by which a longer period of supply can be given from street fountains, while a shorter supply will be made available for those on metered supplies. It is hoped that this scheme will be ready for operation in the course of the next few days. It is not considered safe to allow unmetered supplies in houses until the position improves.

2. In February last it was decided in Executive Council that universal meterage should be introduced as soon as possible, and that in the rider main districts the cost of transferring existing house-services from the rider mains to principal mains should be borne by public funds. Considerable progress has been made with this scheme, and a large number of meters have been fixed within the Rider Main Areas. The Government will give this Council an opportunity to discuss the proposal for the abolition of the rider main system generally before the filling of the reservoirs makes the reintroduction of the rider main system a practical possibility.

BRITISHER KILLED

SHOT WHILE IN CAPTIVITY

Amoy Lighthouse-Keeper.

CAPTURED BY "REDS" ON FEBRUARY 27.

Russian Also Victim.

Shanghai, To-day.

News has reached here that the light-house-keepers from Breaker Point at Amoy who were taken prisoner by Reds on February 27 have been shot by their captors.

The men were Mr. Edwards, a British subject, and Andre Ianou, a Russian.

Every conceivable effort to secure their release was made by the British and Chinese authorities, but the Coast Inspector's office here has now received the information that their bodies were found riddled with bullets, though the location of the discovery is not stated.—Reuter.

Raiders Carry Off Nine.

The Breaker Point Lighthouse kidnapping outrage took place on February 27, this year.

H.M.S. Keppel in response to a message from H.M.S. Whitehall at Swatow left Hong Kong on February 29, and stood by ready to give assistance in rescuing the nine people taken away from the lighthouse by the raiding gang, which consisted of about 100 men.

SPANISH FLIER ARRIVING.

Left Hanoi This Morning.

A SOLO DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT.

Crowd Waiting At Kai Tak.

Fernando Rein Loring, the young Spanish aviator, who is flying from Madrid to Manila via Hong Kong, is expected to arrive here this afternoon. He hopped off from Hanoi this morning.

Loring left Spain for the purpose of making a solo demonstration flight, for the testing of the "Loring" plane, the product of the Loring Aircraft Works at Madrid, and is not out to break records.

Three newspaper men from Manila have been in the Colony for some days now and have been anxiously awaiting the flier's arrival.

During the trip the airman was forced down on a lonely spot bordering Ramree Island, in the Bay of Bengal, after water had seeped into his gasoline.

Many enthusiasts awaited his arrival at Kai Tak this afternoon, and a 'plane piloted by Mr. Harvey, of the Far Eastern Aviation Co., went out to welcome the flier.

AID TO BRITISH INDUSTRY.

Overdraft Rate.

Bank of England

REDUCTION FORECAST.

London, To-day.

The industrial grouses against the minimum bank overdraft rate of 5 per cent. has fallen on sympathetic ears, according to the Daily Herald, the London Labour daily, which foreshadows that many millions of pounds sterling will shortly be available for industrial trade developments.

The Daily Herald forecasts that as a result of private negotiations, the Bank of England will enable firms to obtain accommodation around 8 per cent. through an issue of three and six-month bills.—Reuter.

BRITON MURDERED BY REBEL TROOPS

CAPTURED ON A SHOOTING EXPEDITION

DASTARDLY CRIME NEAR SUNGARI RIVER.

AMERICAN ALSO A VICTIM

Harbin, Yesterday.

An Englishman and an American out shooting near Christky along the Sungari River, are reported to have been seized and murdered by insurgent soldiery.

Two Japanese who entrained at Harbin yesterday for Taitsihar met with a similar fate. They were dragged out from the train at Mu-lan and later murdered.

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PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR INTERPORT

CAPTAIN MITCHELL IS WORST SUFFERER

MINU AND McLELLAN ARE ALSO PATIENTS.

RAIN ALLOWS TEAM ONLY ONE DAY'S PRACTICE

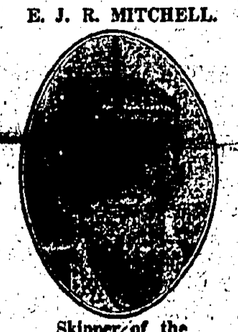
(Special from Our Own Staff Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The Hong Kong Interport Cricket team has met with misfortune, and the outlook for the match is pessimistic. Three of the team, the skipper, Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell, A. R. Minu, and D. McLellan, 12th man, are down with influenza. Mitchell is confined to his bed, but the other two were affected only last night and it is hoped that they will recover shortly.

To add to the discomfiture of the

E. J. R. MITCHELL.



Skipper of the Hong Kong XI.

A. R. MINU.

The Medium Paced Left-Hand Bowler.

Colony's representatives, it has been possible to obtain very little practice. It has been raining steadily, and a heavy downpour on Tuesday night spoilt yesterday's practice, but some play was enjoyed at the nets on concrete matting.

On the social side the team have been splendidly entertained and the I.R.C. dance was a great success. Capt. Mitchell was an absentee on account of his attack of influenza.

Shanghai cricketers are very confident of success in the Interport, and the local team is particularly anxious to win this encounter and thus even the series. Hong Kong at present leads by 15 matches to 14.

D. W. Leach, captain of the Shanghai team, in an interview with the "China Mail" correspondent, stated: "Shanghai has the best team on paper. C. B. W. Robson is the finest batsman, and W. Mansell-Smith is the outstanding bowler. The team is a well-balanced one with plenty of experience, and the fielding is brilliant.

"I am very optimistic concerning Shanghai's prospects and expect the team to win if the match is played."

Many are apprehensive of the weather conditions.

START ON SUNDAY.

The match will be commenced on Sunday and will be played to a finish.

The Hong Kong team, after a pleasant trip up on the President Jefferson, arrived here on Monday. All the players were fit on arrival, although depressed a little by the sight of rain.

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NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

OMISSION OF DIVIDEND CAUSES STOCK DEPRESSION.

Dull Movements in Steel.

New York, May 14.

The market opened higher on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, passing an uneventful session with little change in either direction, says the daily review of the Dow Jones Financial News Agency for the Wall Street Journal.

Grains rallied and bolstered sentiment.

Trading was quiet. Sales for the day totalled 700,000 shares.

Omission of dividend on the part of New York Central caused a depression in its stock. Moving up a quarter-point to 14½ soon after the opening, New York Central gained another quarter but by 11.30 was down to 14, reached 13⅜ before noon, and closed at the latter figure. The Dow-Jones average for 20 rails was off .12 to 24.50. Union Pacific was weak on the eve of its dividend meeting and closed off 7/8 to 52.

Grain Increases.

Grains predominated, however, especially on the mail order issues, implements and others associated with the grain business. Montgomery Ward closed up an eighth to 7⅛, International Harvester was up a quarter to 18¼, Sears Roebuck was up a half to 18, and J. I. Case was up a half to 23½.

"Iron Age" estimated that steel ingot production for the week was 24 per cent. of capacity. The industry continued extremely dull with no improvement in sight. Scrap prices declined to a dollar a ton. U.S. Steel opened up a quarter to 30, gained another half by 11 o'clock but promptly lost it and was at 29¾ by noon, and closed at 29½. Bethlehem Steel was off ⅜ to 13¼ at the close.

The Dow Jones average for 30 industrials was up .15 to 57.83, that for 20 utilities was off .12 to 24.50 and that for 40 bonds was up .06 to 73.95.

Call money continued to be quoted at the 2½ per cent. level.

Quotations.

	May 10	11
Adams Express	2⅛	2¼
Allied Chemical & Dye	55	55⅛
Allis Chalmers	6¼	6¼
American Can	40⅛	39⅛
American & For. Power	Unq.	3⅜
American & For. Power Warr.	2	2
American Smelting	9	9¼
American Tel. & Tel.	99⅞	99⅝
American Tobacco "B"	68½	67½
American Waterworks	20	20
Anaconda Copper	5⅛	5
Auburn Automobiles	36⅛	37
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅛	6⅞
Bethlehem Steel	13⅝	13¼
Borden Company	30	30⅛
Borg Warner	5⅛	5¼
Canadian Pacific Railway	11⅞	Unq.
Case, J. I.	23	23½
Chase Bank	30½	***
Chesapeake Corp.	8⅞	9
Chrysler	8¾	8⅝
Cities Service Co.	4	4
Columbia Gas & Electric	8⅛	8¼
Commonwealth & So.	2¾	2⅝
Com. & So. Warr.	5/16	5/16
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	50	50¼
Continental Oil	5	4⅞
Corn Products	36	35⅝
Curtiss Wright Com.	1¼	1⅛
Drug Inc.	38⅝	38⅝
Du Pont de Nemours	30¾	30⅝
Eastman Kodak	45¼	48⅝
Electric Bond & Share	12⅝	12¼
Electric Power & Light	7⅛	7
Fox Film "A"	2⅛	2
General Electric	14⅝	13⅝
General Foods	31⅛	31¼
General Motors	11½	11⅜
General Railway Signal	13¼	15¼
Gillette Safety Razor	14⅝	14⅞
Gold Dust	12⅝	12¼
Goodrich Rubber	3½	3⅜
Goodyear Tyre & Rubber	11⅛	11
International Cement	8½	7⅝
Int. Combustion Engine	⅝	⅝
International Harvester	18	18¼
International Nickel	5⅝	5⅝
International Tel. & Tel.	5¼	5¼
Johns Manville	13	12⅝
Kennecott	7¼	7¼
Kreuger & Toll	⅞	⅞
Liggett & Myers "B"	49⅝	49⅝
Loew's Inc.	23⅛	23¼
Lorillard P. Co. (Com.)	14	13⅞
Ludlum Steel	Unq.	Unq.
Montgomery Ward	7	7⅛
Nat. City Bk. (bid price)	34	***
Nevada Copper	8⅝	8¼
New York Central	14¼	13⅝
North American Co.	24¼	24¼
Pacific Gas & Electric	26⅛	26⅛
Packard Motors	3¼	3⅛
Paramount Publix	3⅝	3¼
Pennsylvania Railroad	10½	10⅝
Pennroad Corp.	1⅝	1⅝
Phillips Petroleum	4	4
Public Service of N.J.	44⅞	45
Radio Corporation	1	1
Radio Keith Orpheum	Unq.	3⅝
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	33⅛	33⅛
Sears Roebuck	17¾	18⅛
Shell Union	3¼	Unq.
Simmons Company	4⅝	Unq.
Socony-Vacuum Corp.	8½	8¾
Southern Cal. Edison	24¾	24¾
Standard Gas & Electric	16½	16
Standard Oil of N.J.	25⅝	26
Texas Corporation	11⅝	11¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	18¼	18
Transamerica	3¼	3¼
Union Carbide & Carbon	19	19
Union Pacific	52⅝	52
United Aircraft & Trans.	10⅝	8⅝
United Corp.	6¼	6¼
United Gas Improvement	17	17
U.S. Rubber	3½	3⅝
U.S. Steel	29¾	29½
Vanadium	8⅝	7½
Warner Bros. Pictures	1⅛	1¼
Westinghouse E. & M.	24½	25¼
Woolworth	32½	32⅝
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Air Reduction	40¼	41¼
Amer. Sugar Refining	17¼	18
Auburn	36¾	37
Bendix Aviation	6¾	6⅝
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United Fruit	17¼	16⅝
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CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA.

Examination of Reserves Held Against Note Issue

In accordance with Article 15 of the Charter of the Central Bank of China, the Supervisory Committee is vested with the duty to examine the reserves held against note issue. The Committee has on May 10, 1932, held its hundred and twenty-four examination at the Issue Department of the Bank; the result is as follows:

Total Amount of Dollar Notes and Subsidiary Coin Notes in Circulation.

Dollar Notes	$24,766,302
Subsidiary Coin Notes	2,693,710
	$27,460,012

Reserves Against Dollar Notes and Subsidiary Coin Notes in Circulation.

Cash Reserve	$21,920.736
(of the above sum $18,886,-123.45 is kept in Shanghai Office, the balance $1,384,865 is kept in Branches and Sub-branches, $1,649,747.55 is kept in Local Banks).	
Securities Reserve	$ 5,539,276
	$27,460,012

Total Amount of Customs Gold Unit Notes in Circulation.

C.G.U. Notes	C.G.U. 375,000
Reserves Against Customs Gold Unit Notes in Circulation.	
G$150,000 deposited with Local Banks at 40	C.G.U. 375,000

According to Article 2 of the Bank's regulations governing note issue the Bank is required to keep Cash Reserve at 60 per cent. and Securities Reserve at 40 per cent. of the total issue. Finding the Cash Reserve to exceed 60 per cent. and the Securities Reserve not over 40 per cent. we hereby certify that the reserves against notes in circulation is in order.

Raw Cotton Values Slightly Easier

Manchester Weekly Market Report

Wednesday, April 20.

Raw cotton values during the week have fluctuated within very narrow limits and on the whole are now slightly easier. Improved sentiment in the United States with regard to the financial position of that country has helped the tone of the markets, but there are still a few disturbing factors present and buyers have continued their policy of caution. Reports from the cotton belt indicate that field work generally has been active and considerable ground is now ready for planting. According to the monthly consumption return of cotton it is interesting to note that the amount for March was 489,000 bales compared with 450,000 bales in February and 490,000 bales in March last year. Whilst it is very difficult to forecast any future movement of prices experts are of the opinion that operators would be wise to keep themselves covered as the market would respond very quickly to any outside influence at present. India enquiry has expanded slightly and offers have been dealt with for a variety of cloths. Karachi, Bombay and Calcutta have been the most interested, chooties in particular being in demand for the last named market. A few fancies and white shirtings have been booked whilst the lighter bleaching styles have also been in demand. The up-country outlets have been rather quieter and wherever offers have been put forward the majority of them have proved too low for business. Shanghai has offered for whites whilst a few poplins and fancies have been booked for Hong Kong, Singapore and the Straits have shown more activity and a few nice lines of whites and dyed goods have gone through. Egypt and the near Eastern centres have shown a slight improvement, but the turnover has only been small. Heavy bleachers and dyed specialities have been offered for chiefly. A few white shirtings have been booked for Northern Africa and prints for South Africa.

DOLLAR DOWN AGAIN.

Dropped One Farthing Yesterday.

The Hong Kong Dollar declined a farthing yesterday, to 1s. 5½d. The market was very uncertain, and there was little inclination to do business.

In London silver rose ⅛, and China and India were small buyers. Sellers, however, held back. The market ruled steady, with America inclined to buy.

Silver went down ⅜ in New York, to 28¾, but the market was steady.

At the local Chinese Exchange, last evening, Canton Central Bank notes were quoted at 55.2 per cent. while Hong Kong dollar notes, in exchange for Kwangtung silver, were at a premium of $418 per $1,000.

L.D. CERTIFICATES.

Messrs. A. Gocks & Co., local agents for the Exide International Co., de Fleischmann Road, advise us that yesterday's official quotation in Exide was at 11.6d.

LANCASHIRE'S TRADE.

What Japanese Competition Means.

That is how they do things in Japan. Miss Utley estimates that the labour costs of production in Lancashire for a hundred yards of cloth came to 7s. 8d.; the labour costs of 100 yards of the same kind of cloth in Japan came to 8s. 6d. Taking everything into consideration Japan is able to sell her cloth in Far Eastern markets at prices 50 per cent below the prices of Lancashire. And that is one reason why there are idle looms in Lancashire, and why Lancashire men and women are on the dole. If war develops in Manchuria it will be the half-starved peasants who will provide the conscripts and become the cannon fodder and it is the employment in the towns who will provide the munitions for the adventures of the imperialist war lords.—"Forward."

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Jobicum, from Shanghai.
Sir Cecil Kaye, passenger, Ranpura, from Shanghai.
Wallace, from Shanghai.
Comparlane, from Shanghai.

F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, May 18, 1932.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s office:—

Abass, from Calcutta.
Brallowsky, Hong Kong Hotel, from Leipzig.
Mjineholm, care of Peninsular, from Cairo.
H. Pearman, P.O. Box 410, from London Po.
Sanderson, Peninsular, from Shanghai.
A. L. Willar, Hong Kong Hotel, from Paris.

C. C. CLARKE, Manager.

Hong Kong, May 12, 1932.

DON'T WASTE WATER.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"OVER THE HILL."

"Over The Hill," Fox special, which is now showing at the King's Theatre, is beyond doubt, far and away the finest human drama since the advent of talkies.

A complete modernised version of a classic of American poetry, it runs like music across the heartstrings. A cross-section of a growing family, it is overflowing with the full favour of life-drama, comedy and pathos in a perfect harmony of the human heart.

James Dunn and Sally Eilers give a performance as the young lovers in this picture that will stand as a goal for a long time to come. Dunn has something close to genius in his ability to make us feel what a young man is up against in life to-day.

Perhaps most astounding of all, however, is the unbelievable performance given by Mae Marsh, who opens the true depths of a mother's heart for all to see. She lives the throbbing heart of motherhood on the screen.

Henry King, one of the greatest directors of the screen, made "Over The Hill" which is a picture for everyone, a picture of your own heart and family—a picture that will be stored in memory for years to come.

"SUNSHINE SUSIE."

Renate Muller, the blonde German star in 'Sunshine Susie' which is being re-screened at the King's Theatre next Friday for two days only, achieved a Continental reputation six months ago. She had played all sorts of roles on the German stage, and after five years behind the footlights decided to try her fortune in the films.

Although French and German producers were anxious to secure her for starring roles, her eyes turned to England.

And she has won her way to stardom in a British picture with a rapidity that speaks much for the sagacity of Gainsborough Pictures, who engaged her. "Sunshine Susie" is her introduction to a rapturous British public.

"HINDLE WAKES."

"They're a poor lot down South; they don't make anything in them parts," says one of the characters in "Hindle Wakes," a film of Lancashire life in the raw. Perhaps this is the reason that Lancashire's intense industrialism so often furnishes the background for films.

Anyway, however, that may be, all Lancashire, and for that matter the rest of the kingdom, will be intensely interested in this talking version of Stanley Houghton's play, with its clever story of a mill girl's reactions to parental efforts to make her a "good woman," after an illicit week-end with her lover.

Brilliant scenes of mill life, with its hum of looms, its hoot of the siren and its clatter of clogs, alternate with hectic scenes of Wakes' week revelry in Lancashire's playground, Blackpool.

A really brilliant cast enact the various roles. Sybil Thorndike, Norman McKinnel, Edmund Gwenn, John Stuart, and last, but no means, least, Belle Chrystall, a new star in the film firmament, who has the role of Jenny Hawthorn.

"Hindle Wakes," is coming to the King's Theatre very soon.

English Opinion.

The following is supplied by the King's Theatre as English Press comments:—

"Hindle Wakes" has already enjoyed a remarkable success as a silence picture, but it has refreshing youthfulness in its new form, helped by the new film technique and the recording of dialogue and incidental sound and rhythm, inseparable from life at the looms.

Another Comment.

What is probably Britain's greatest screen achievement to date is "Hindle Wakes," a play of Lancashire life, which was written by Stanley Houghton over twenty years ago. It is one of the few plays that does not age with time, and is as fresh, as provocative in theme as when it was written. It is, in fact, coming to be regarded now as one of the plays of the century. It inaugurated a new school of drama which expressed the views of the new social order, wherein the rising generation claimed independence and set up a new code of relations between the sexes.

A CANARY CHOIR IN "THE CUBAN LOVE SONG."

A choir of canary birds is one of the strangest accompaniments ever designed for a singer. It was used when Lawrence Tibbett sang his haunting serenade in "The Cuban Love Song" his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Tibbett sang to Lupe Velez in a replica of a tropical garden, in the new picture, a dramatic romance of a marine in a romantic adventure in Cuba. Of course the sounds of nature were necessary in such a setting.

Lupe Velez is seen as the heroine, , and Ernest Torrence Jimmy Durante, Karen Morley, Louise Fazenda, Hale Hamilton, Mathilda Comont and Phillip Cooper are among the players.

"TO OBLIGE A LADY."

An unusually good farce-comedy opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day and an All-British production at that, "To Oblige A Lady" was adapted from a story by Edgar Wallace, that prolific author than whom there can be none more uniformly successful.

In this picture Maisie Gay makes her talking film debut. The star has the role of Mrs. Harris, char cook, general servant and what not. She is at her funniest in this most novel comedy of the year and sings the song "What Love Means to Girls Like Me," by Nowel Coward. The supporting cast includes Warwick Ward, Haddon Mason and Gladys Jennings as the virtuous original owners and James Carewe as the epicure, Sir Harry.

DON'T WASTE WATER.

COMING SHORTLY TO THE KING'S.

GIRL DECOYED.

Sold By "Friend" to a Canton Brothel.

At the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, a Chinese man and woman were charged with decoying Chan Yau, 17-year-old daughter of a widow living at Yaumati, from the Colony to Canton, knowing that she was to be sold for immoral purposes.

Inspector F. W. Shaftain, attached to the S.C.A. prosecuted, and stated that the girl was acquainted with both defendants, with whom she went by train to Canton in March, the female defendant disclosing that she was going to visit relations there.

Visited by a Man.

At Canton the girl was taken to a house, and was introduced to a woman as her aunt. That night she was visited by a man, who it was alleged, was allowed to force his attentions on the girl. The next day she was taken to a brothel, and was sold to the mistress for $320, it was alleged. The girl was rescued by the Fatshan Police in a distressing condition.

After hearing evidence, his Worship adjourned the case.

BANISHEE RETURNS.

Man With A Bad Record Gets Two Years.

Lam Yun, alias Wong Yan, was sentenced by Mr. Justice P. Jacks at the May Assizes, yesterday, to two years' hard labour for returning from banishment. He was found in the Colony on April 20, after he had been sent away for life on October 14, 1931.

He admitted the offence, but said that he did not want to come back. A man named Au Mau forced him to come back, threatening to kill him if he refused.

The accused, according to Mr. Whyte-Smith, was banished after he was sentenced to 12 months for kidnapping on June 2, 1931. The banishment order, counsel said, was made on October 14, 1931, but it was not until April 2 that accused was sent away in a train and seen over the border at Samchun by a detective. He was back 18 days later and was found on the Main Road near San Tin village in the New Territories, not far from the Lokmachau Police Station.

SINGAPORE BASE.

New Zealand Agrees to Completion.

Wellington, Yesterday.

The Singapore Naval Base will definitely be completed. The Government does not intend further to curtail the Singapore vote.

It is stated that the Forbes Government has decided not to accept the Expenditure Commission's recommendation that New Zealand's naval defence be transferred to the control of the British Government. —Reuter.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.

6-6.14 p.m.—

Three Cornered Hat Suite (De Falla), New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent (B2721-2).

6.14-6.49 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—
Capriccio (Scarlatti),
Serenade for the Doll (Debussy), Vladimir Horowitz (1353).

Song—
Orpheus with His Lute (Sullivan),
The Wren (Benedict),
Mavis Bennett (Soprano) (B2762).

Organ Solo—
Schon Rosmarin (Kreisler),
A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood),
Reginald Foort (B2664).

Song—
Bird Songs at Eventide (Coates),
Little Lady of the Moon (Coates),
Sydney Coltham (Tenor) (B2742).

Violin Solo—
Oh Promise Me (De Koven),
Love's Garden of Roses (Haydn Wood),
Renee Chemet (1328).

6.49-7.25 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—
A Servant Girl,
Wish Wynne (B2532).

Organ Solo—
Cuban Love Song,
Jesse Crawford (22875).

Humorous Song—
Is it British?
I Think of You,
Norman Long (B2580).

Humorous Song—
I've Got "It",
My Man is on the Make,
Helen Kane (22475).

Organ Solo—
Call me Darling,
Jesse Crawford (22901).

Song—
My Lucky Star,
You Wouldn't Fool Me, Would You?
Harry Shalson (Baritone) (B3219).

7.25-7.42 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan's Selections played by the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Pirates of Penzance,
Iolanthe .....(B1368).
The Sorcerer,
Trial by Jury .....(C1435).

7.42-8 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

High Water (McHardy & Brennan),
Mammy is Gone (De Sylva, Brown & Henderson),
Paul Robeson, Bass (B3663).
Hail De Crown (arr. Robinson),
Exhortation (Cook),
Paul Robeson, Bass (B3409).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

AMERICAN PASSPORT

Change of Fees from $5 to $9.

The American Consulate General announces the following changes made by Act of Congress governing the issuance and renewal of American passports, effective May 16, 1932:—

The fee for an American passport is increased from U.S.$5.00 to U.S.$9.00. The execution fee remains at U.S.$1.00, making the total cost of a new passport $10.00.

The fee for a renewal has been increased from $2.00 to $5.00. Each renewal lasts for two years but the date of final expiration of a passport cannot be more than four years from the original date of issue, except in certain cases.

Further information concerning the new regulations may be obtained at the American Consulate General.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "Over The Hill."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Alias "To Oblige A Lady."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The "Happy Stars."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Their Mad Moment."

To-day — Star Theatre; "Those Three French Girls."

To-day — World Theatre; "The Gaucho."

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Chitral); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.

Saturday—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Chitral), 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

May 27—Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 59th meeting, Messrs. Jardines Offices, 11 a.m.

May 27—China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 63rd Meeting, Messrs. Jardines offices, 11.15 a.m.

May 27—British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 66th meeting, Messrs. Jardines offices 11.20 a.m.

May 28—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m., at Hong Kong Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

May 23-24—Empire Fair at the Peninsula Hotel.

May 25—May Settlement of Hong Kong Stock Exchange and H.K. Sharebrokers' Association.

$350 FOR AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Conveyance Allowance of $50 Per Month.

Amongst the items submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council by the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), is one of $350 for conveyance allowance.

The memorandum states:—A vote of $350 is requested to provide for the payment of a conveyance allowance of $50 a month for the acting Aide-de-Camp to the Officer Administering the Government during the absence of the officer holding the definitive appointment of Aide-de-Camp. The acting Aide-de-Camp does not draw salary from the Colonial Government.

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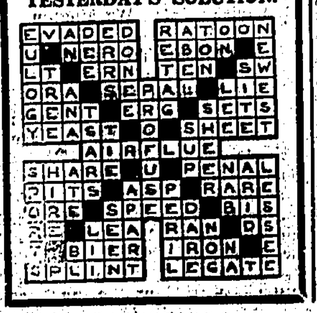
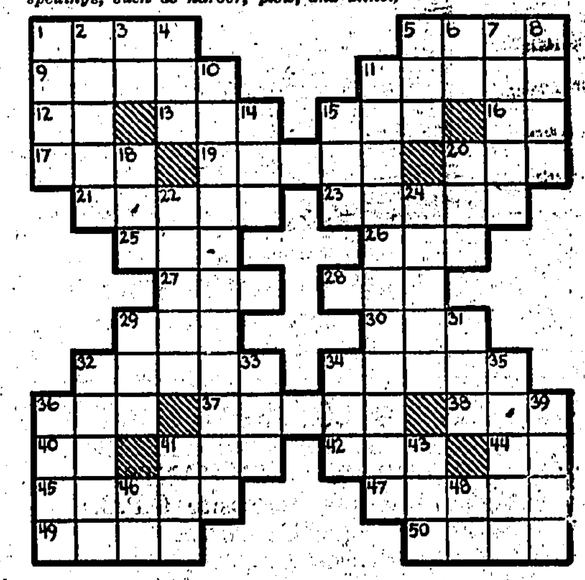


DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Look
5-Agitate
9-Demand
11-Elevate
12-Of age (Latin, abbr.)
13-Deep hole
15-Male adults
16-Musical note
17-To knock
19-Lateral parts
20-Combining form, air
21-Ruffles
23-Allure
25-In excessive quantity
26-Boy's name (short)
27-Metric land measure
28-Attorney (abbr.)
29-Amount (abbr.)
30-Combining form, large
32-Result
34-A lever for the foot

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

36-Skill
37-American musical composer
38-Blind
40-Egyptian sun-god
41-Pronoun
42-Greek letter
44-Each (abbr.)
45-Serfs
47-Twirls
49-Pleasure
50-Language of Scottish Highlanders

VERTICAL

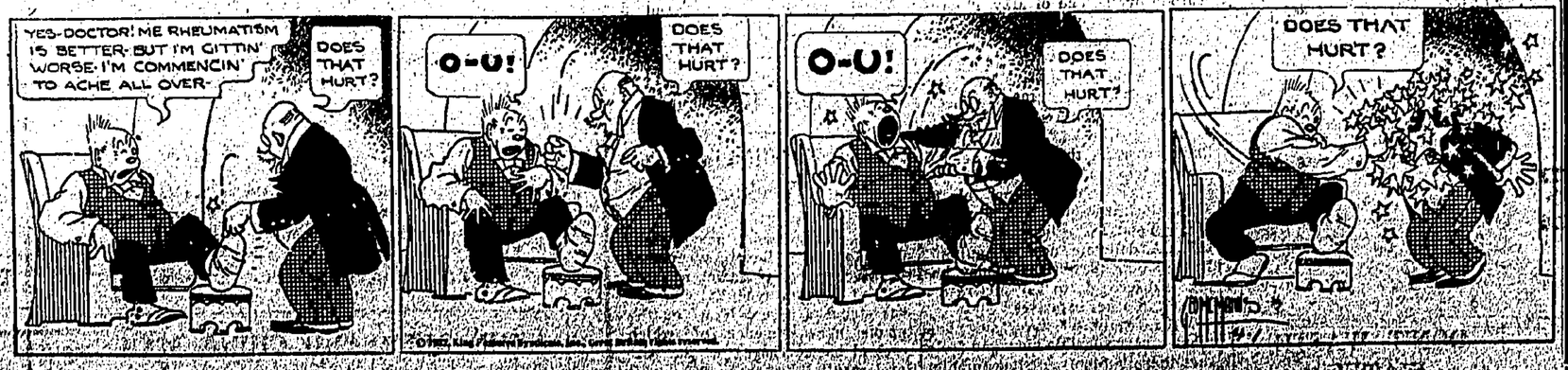
1-A blemish on the skin
2-Clarify
3-A college degree (abbr.)
4-Pinch
5-River in Poland
6-Musical note

VERTICAL (Cont.)

7-A little island
8-At the end
10-Calamities
11-Fancied injuries
14-It is (Contr.)
15-Joined
18-Place
20-Clever
22-Froths
24-Paired
26-An insect
31-A ship-channel in an otherwise shallow place
32-Rub out
33-Ever (Poet.)
34-A pastry
35-Legal claims on property
36-Greek god of war
39-Comfort
41-The edge
43-Large monkey
46-A continent (abbr.)
48-Irish (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

Bringing Up Father.



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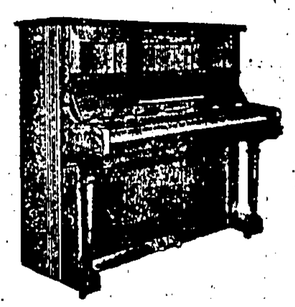

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Summer Cup Draw.

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W. Groves	A. T. Braley
W. S. Hillier	S. MacNider
W. L. Ramsey	H. Mundy
G. H. Russell	J. B. McCaw
G. E. L. Johnson	R. G. Craig
W. Stoker	H. A. Linn
W. Taylor	D. C. Wilson

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

Whitsuntide Golf.

Bogey Pool.

Winner—I. H. Geare (10) 2 up.
Other Scores—A. K. Mackenzie (6) 1 up.
Lt. H. C. Gould (14) all square.
There were 39 entries.

Adamson Cup.

A. E. Clarke qualifies with a score of 91—14=77.
There were 9 entries

CARDINALS SUFFER ANOTHER DEFEAT.

Foxx, With Ten, Leads Homers.

DETROIT LOSE.

New York, Yesterday.

Main interest in the league baseball matches played here to-day, lay in the sensational defeat of Washington, leaders in the American League, by St. Louis, in a game that registered 18 runs.

In the National League, Chicago maintained their lead, while the Cardinals suffered another defeat, this time at the hands of Boston.

In the American League, Philadelphia defeated Detroit, Foxx, Simmons and White homering for the winners. Foxx now leads the home run hitters with ten to his credit, Bill Terry, of the New York Giants being second with nine.—Reuter.

Results, as cabled by Reuter, are as follows:—

National League.

Brooklyn	4	Pittsburgh	2
New York	9	Cincinnati	3
(Terry homered.)			
Chicago	6	Philadelphia	4
Boston	5	St. Louis	3
American League.			
New York	3	Cleveland	2
(Babe Ruth homered.)			
Boston	13	Chicago	10
Philadelphia	8	Detroit	2
(Dykes, Foxx, Simmons and White homered.)			
St. Louis	11	Washington	7

TABLES TO DATE.

National League.

	P.	W.	L.	Percentage
Chicago	28	21	7	.750
Boston	25	15	10	.600
Cincinnati	31	17	14	.548
St. Louis	29	14	15	.482
Philadelphia	28	12	16	.428
Brooklyn	26	11	15	.423
New York	24	10	14	.416
Pittsburgh	25	8	17	.320

American League.

	P.	W.	L.	Percentage
New York	23	17	6	.738
Washington	27	19	8	.703
Detroit	25	14	11	.580
Cleveland	30	17	13	.566
Philadelphia	26	13	13	.500
St. Louis	31	14	17	.451
Boston	26	6	20	.230
Chicago	27	8	19	.227

Home Run Leaders.

Jimmie Foxx (Philadelphia Aths.)	10
Bill Terry (New York Giants)	9
Collins (Washington)	8
Cochrane (Philadelphia Aths.)	7
Averill (Cleveland Indians)	7
Babe Ruth (New York Yankees)	7
Klein (New York Giants)	7
Gehringer (Detroit Tigers)	7
Byrd (New York Yankees)	4
Lou Gehrig (New York Yankees)	4

DON'T WASTE WATER.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COMMENTARY.

South African Tour A Failure.

A striking commentary on international cricket as played in Australia is made in a number of "The Australian Cricketer."

It is peculiarly appropriate in view of the forthcoming tour of the English team Down Under next Winter. In short we are told that England is the only country to "stand the gaff" on the hard-boiled wickets of Australia. For that reason the sacrifice of the South Africans "at the altar of cricket" in their recent tour, is deplored.

The Australian Board of Control is blamed for picking the strongest team for every one of the tests—for not giving the Springboks a sporting chance by trying out some of the younger men in the "rarefied atmosphere of international cricket."

"It is this feeling of superior pureness that has probably bred the spirit of the Pharisee in us," states the same paper. "The game has become something of a stern ritual. It has risen above itself, above human nature.

"It was the system that was wrong. It was the system that was soulless, as systems so often are. There was no provision for dealing with a weak team inexperienced on turf wickets. The West Indian team was ground in the same mill.

"From a cricket point of view the South African tour was a failure, which is not in the best interests of the game, especially when it can be avoided."

DULEEPSINHJI AND THE TESTS.

Problems for England's Selection Committee.

Considerable interest is being displayed in cricketing circles over the position of K. S. Duleepsinhji, the famous Indian cricketer.

"Duleep" declined to join the All-India team which is now in England chiefly because he wished again to captain the Sussex eleven this Summer.

Secondly, it is generally believed that he has ambitions in regard to the M.C.C. team which will sail for Australia in September.

The Selection Committee have now to consider the delicate question as to whether they should invite "Duleep" to play for England against India in the Test match at Lord's on June 25, 27, and 28.

It is stated that "Duleep" does not wish to compete against his own countrymen.

MCGRATH'S TRIP POSTPONED.

Australia's Wonder Tennis Player.

LATEST NEWS FROM SYDNEY.

Writing from Sydney by the Australian mail that reached Colombo recently, Mr. W. B. Alexander, one of Sydney's leading sportsmen, says that Vivian McGrath's trip to Europe is still an uncertainty. The New South Wales Council member, Mr. N. Brown, with whom McGrath was to travel, is unable to leave Sydney till July. That will be too late for McGrath, who must be in Europe by the end of May, if he is to play at Wimbledon. Subscriptions to the fund that is being raised to send McGrath to Europe had reached £200 at the time Mr. Alexander was writing. £400 was needed to cover the boy's expenses.

"It is still hoped," says Mr. Alexander, to raise the balance needed for the trip. If the money can be raised then it may be possible to send McGrath under the care of Mr. Youdale, the Australian L.T.A.A. delegate, now in England. But all depends on the money being subscribed to pay McGrath's fares and other expenses."

McGrath himself, it is said, has taken a very sensible view and feels that there is plenty of time for him to play at Wimbledon, even if he cannot get there this year.

SALFORD WIN BIG RELAY RACE.

Holders Beaten After Thrilling Finish.

The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Maurice Jenks) fired the pistol shot which signalled the start of the ninth annual London to Brighton relay race recently.

There was a great finish between Salford Harriers and Birchfield Harriers (holders). T. Evenson (Salford) was first home in 4hr. 39min. 52sec. He was followed by A Bourton (Birchfield) in 4 hr. 40 min. 48 sec. Both these times beat the record.

Twenty famous athletic clubs were represented by the runners who set off from Westminster Palace Yard.

The course was divided into ten relays, and was estimated to be just under fifty-four miles.—The record time is 4 hr. 41 min. 48.2/5 secs., set up by Birchfield Harriers. They had already won the event five times and started favourites for this year's race.

Conditions were far from ideal at the start. Rain was falling and the roads were slippery.

Ambulance men followed the race, and were kept busy attending to competitors who collapsed at the change-over stations.

The weather was at its worst, and the runners, mud bespattered, were sorry spectacles.

Birchfield Harriers were making a strong bid to retain the title, and on reaching the open country they forged ahead.

At Merstham, when 20 miles had been run, the placings were:—

1. F. Quinn (Birchfield), 1. hr. 46 min. 8 sec.
2. H. Platt (Salford H.), 1 hr. 46 min. 17 sec.
3. T. Kay (Tipton H.), 1 hr. 47 min. 59 sec.

Salford took the lead over Birchfield at Horley, the fifth relay (26 miles). The positions were:—Salford H. (G. W. Bailey), 2 hr. 17 min. 34 sec.; Birchfield H. (G. Forryan), 2 hr. 18 min. 12 sec.); Aldershot Command (Corporal J. Wilson); Tipton H. (W. Harman); Belgrave H. (S. H. Warboys).

At Hickstead (42 miles) A. Atkinson (Birchfield) was 48 sec. ahead of W. E. Eaton (Salford), with Private Andrews (Aldershot) third.

In the final relay T. Everson (Salford) and A. Bourton (Birchfield) were level at the take-over. It was a great race in the last seven miles, and it was not until a quarter of a mile from the finish that Evenson gradually drew away to win by 100 yards.

Belgrave were third in 4 hr. 44 min.

PLANS FOR EMPIRE GAMES.

Consultation During Olympiad.

A British Empire Games Federation Council for England was formed in London recently on similar lines to the Scottish and Dominions councils.

Lord Derby has been appointed president, Sir James Leighwood chairman, and Mr. Evan Hunter secretary.

The latter has been authorised to call a meeting at Los Angeles of the Dominions delegates to submit proposals for the constitution of an Empire Games Federation and to formulate plans and a venue for the 1934 Games.

BOXER KILLED.

Third Fatality in a Few Weeks.

The Hungarian heavyweight champion boxer Boxoty succumbed to injuries received during a match held at Vienna recently. Boxoty was struck a severe blow on the temple in consequence of which cerebral haemorrhage set in with fatal results. This is the third fatality of the kind in Europe within a few weeks.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The water shortage question is still causing the authorities much anxiety. Unable to obtain their supply of water from the street fountains during the prescribed hours, owing to the great rush, some Chinese resorted to stealing water from a cistern in a public latrine. There was a Police Court sequel, when four Chinese men were charged. A full report on the shortage, together with local residents' views in favour of artesian wells, is published in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Stirring tribute was paid in Hong Kong to the late President Doumer on May 12, when the Requiem Mass and the funeral rites took place in St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road. There was a representative congregation present, which included H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), Vice-Admiral Herr and the French Consul-General M. Dufaure de la Prade. H.E. Bishop Valtorta preached the sermon. A report of the solemn occasion is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, the famous cartoonist and creator of "Old Bill," visited Hong Kong on board the N.Y.K. steamer Suwa Maru on May 14. He was accompanied by his wife, and they are on a journey to Europe. The famed cartoonist expressed the view that the sampan population in Hong Kong would make interesting reading, and to him they had been a source of great amazement. An interesting talk with Capt. Bairnsfather is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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The Indian Recreation Club had a field day on May 14, when their second annual athletic meeting was held in glorious weather, though a bit on the warm side. There was a large attendance, among whom were Mr. R. E. Lindsell (President of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association) and Mrs. Lindsell, and Mr. A. el Arculli (President of the I.R.C.).

The flag-bedecked Clubhouse added much to the gaiety of the afternoon's function which is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Small fields and a smaller crowd of supporters than usual somewhat detracted from the day's sport at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting, held at Happy Valley on May 14.

Cash sweeps suffered noticeably by the absence of many spectators, and nothing startling in the matter of dividends was returned. The highest price of the day ($56.80) was paid by Valeta in the eighth race. The meeting is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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THE PRINCE ENTERTAINS ARGENTINIANS.

Presented With Club Shield Of University.

London, Yesterday.

At his residence in York House, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to-day received a party of Argentine Students now visiting Britain. A speech of welcome was delivered by the Prince in Spanish and afterwards His Highness conversed with several members of the party, the leader of which presented him with a Shield of the Club of the University of Buenos Aires.—British Wireless Service.

SITUATION BETTER.

In Shankaikuan.

SINO-JAPANESE CONFERENCE RESULT.

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Chinese despatches, the situation in Shanhaikuan eased considerably yesterday, following a Conference between the Japanese Commander, Colonel Matsushita and Ho Chu-kuo at which it was decided to take all possible measures to restore peace and order and to clear up all misunderstanding. It was also agreed to discourage alarmist Press reports.—Reuter.

FIGHT FOR WATER

Chinese Quarrel at Street Hydrant

ALL BOUND OVER.

A quarrel between two dwellers in Lee Yuen Street over water at a street hydrant on Tuesday evening, came to a conclusion last night, when three Chinese men from 5, Lee Yuen Street and three men from house No. 7, had a fight, two bamboo poles being used in the combat. Luckily the Police intervened before anything serious developed and took the participants to the Central Police Station.

His Worship bound the defendants over for their future good behaviour in bonds of $25 each for a period of three months.

BRITISHER KILLED.

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Troops Retreating.

Harbin, Later.

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Houses Destroyed.

The power station at Sungpu was slightly damaged by artillery fire, and many railway warehouses and houses were destroyed at Huhai. It is reported that civilian casualties are very heavy.

The anti-Manchukuo forces have reached within five miles of Harbin.—Reuter.

S.S. Philippar Disaster.

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A Japanese, unable to speak a word of French, brought a newspaper and pointed to a picture of the Georges Philippar and managed to make the staff understand that his wife was aboard.

JOYFUL SCENES.

Aden, Yesterday.

Joyful scenes were witnessed here at the reunion of families on the arrival of the s.s. Andre le Bon with 34 survivors from the Georges Philippar.

"God and wind were with us," declared a first-class passenger in describing how 400 people were cut off from the boats forward, many dying from burns or suffocation. They were imprisoned for two hours while the flames raced with the approaching ships.

All paid tribute to the behaviour of the crew, and the passengers speak highly of the crew of the Soviet ship, Sovietskaia Neft. — Reuter.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE.

Aden, Later.

How some of the passengers were in the midst of a party and were dancing when a woman discovered that the Georges Philippar was on fire was described by Madame Valencin, one of the survivors, who landed here from the Mahsud.

"I was on deck looking at the lighthouse of Cape Guardafui and returned to my cabin at 2 a.m. and tried to switch on the lights. The switch collapsed and I rushed out, called out to the steward and warned the Captain and officer of the watch. I returned to my cabin, and heard the wires crackling inside the wall.

"The alarm bells were not heard by the passengers on deck owing to the noise of the dancing and the orchestra. The cabin soon filled with smoke and the fire spread rapidly. The ship was stopped and the ventilation supports plugged in order to stem the flames, which crept into the cabins by the companion way, trapping some of the passengers before they had time to escape."

HEROIC STEWARDESS.

Other survivors arriving paid a tribute to Mademoiselle Berthe Helbert, the stewardess, who rushed all over the liner trying to find the parents of a 12-year-old girl who was terribly burned. The child died. Later Mlle. Berthe refused to leave two badly-burned men who were taken aboard the Mahsud until they had reached Aden. She is now in hospital. — Reuter.

Fears Held for Missing.

The latest reports concerning the fate of some of the passengers of the ill-fated Messageries Maritimes liner, Georges Philippar, which was abandoned when seized by fire off Cape Guardafui, in the Red Sea on May 16, hold out slight hopes that they have been saved.

According to a message from Reuter's correspondent at Aden, where most of the survivors were landed, it is feared that all those who were reported as missing are dead.

Two hundred passengers were reported missing and 400 saved, on May 16. It will be recalled that the majority of the survivors were taken aboard the Soviet tanker Sovietskaia Neft, and two British freighters, the Contractor and Mahsud. They were all landed at Aden, with the exception of a few French passengers who disembarked at Djbouti.

Of the passengers who took to lifeboats and rafts, or who managed to grasp only a lifebelt in the panic which ensued, some may have reached the shore or been picked by Arab boats. This is considered a faint possibility, however, as the seas in this vicinity are known to be infested with sharks.

It is practically certain, also, that none have been picked up by other vessels, other than Arab craft.

Mr. Ohl, local agent for the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes received the following cable last night at about 8 o'clock from the head office of the Company in Paris:

"The George Philippar was abandoned on May 16, after a fire which happened by South 64 West, Guardafui, according to indications given by the master. A total of 420 rescued passengers, officers and crew of the George Philippar on the Russian steamer, Soviet Skaianeft, have gone to Aden, 104 are on the British steamer, Contractor, and 134 on the British steamer, Mahsud. Other steamers have gone to the place of the disaster. We hope, in consequence, that the number of victims will be limited. Have no precise details of the accident. Will wire later."

Another cable was received by Mr. Ohl yesterday from the M.M. agent at Djbouti, to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. C. R—er, and their 5-year-old daughter were saved and have been landed at Djbouti.

Terrible Scenes.

Aden, Yesterday.

Many children, but none of them British were among the passengers landed here. The entire Chinese crew is believed to have been saved.

Survivors describe the terrible scenes when the raging fire amidships tore the vessel asunder. Although the number of casualties has not yet been obtained, the fact that no disasters occurred to the boats indicates that deaths have been due to burning when the passengers were entrapped in their cabins. Rescue ship crews state that the blazing Georges Philippar lit up the decks of their own ships and the cries of passengers could be heard for a great distance. They thought that there must have been difficulty in lowering the ship's boats which stemmed a serious panic.

M. Loudres Missing.

Paris, Yesterday.

According to a telegram received by the Messageries Maritimes, the persons aboard the Andre Lebon include Mr. E. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill and two children. The French journalist M. Albert Londres and the Finance Minister for Annam are apparently missing.

The total of passengers and crew is given as 767, of which 676 have already been accounted for.

French Consul Safe.

Paris, Yesterday.

British passengers rescued from the Georges Philippar include:—

First-class: Mr. Sassoon, Mr. Verde, Mr. and Mrs. C. Renner and child, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. K Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill and two children.

Second-class: Mr. and Mrs. Boots and child, and a sailor named Young.

Third-class: Mr. Homes and Mr. Gutchell.—Reuter.

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DE VALERA MAY GO TO OTTAWA.

Free State Delegation For The Conference.

London, Yesterday.

It is reported from Dublin that Mr. De Valera, President of the Executive of the Irish Free State Dail, intends, if Government business permits, to attend the Empire Economic Conference at Ottawa in July.

It is stated that the Free State delegation will comprise three members of the Ministry. —British Wireless Service.

DIVIDEND REDUCED.

Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK BY CHAIRMAN.

A final dividend in respect of the year 1930 of $32, together with an exchange bonus of $5 per share and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1931 of $18 per share, was returned at the annual general meeting of Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., which was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon to-day.

Chairman's Gloomy Outlook.

"I have nothing to say as to future prospects," declared the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., held in Jardine's Board Room this morning.

The Chairman added that the world was suffering from acute economic depression and for him to venture any forecast as to the ultimate outcome would be futile in the extreme. Suffice it to say that they were maintaining their connections and that their fortunes must follow these.

Total Assets.

An analysis of the Balance sheet showed that the total assets had increased by over £20,000, whereas as shown in Hong Kong dollars it had fallen by over $4,000,000. The Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account revealed a shrinkage of $29,636 from the figure of 1930, due to the fall in prices of their investments.

The surplus to be dealt with was $1,336,065, out of which had been paid an interim dividend of $18 per share.

Resolution Passed.

The Chairman, in conclusion, proposed the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

"That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1930 of $32, together with an Exchange Bonus of $5 per share and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1931 of $18 per share; an addition of £20,000 to Sterling Reserve, of $90,412.87 to Reinsurance Fund and of $417,391.30 to Underwriting Suspense Account, be adopted and passed."

Mr. Ho Kom-tong seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart and A. H. White, together with the Chairman were re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee, on the proposal of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

On the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. D. V. Steavenson, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of $1,250 each.

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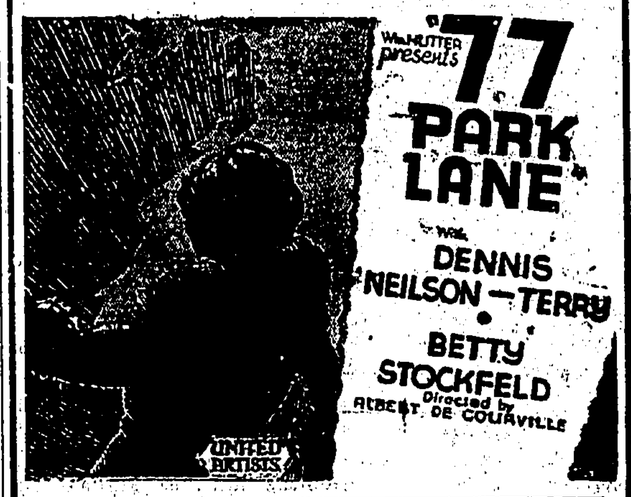

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Yesterday's Opening Ceremony By Mrs. Kotewall

SMALL BEGINNING TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall yesterday afternoon performed the ceremony of declaring open the modern and well-appointed new wing of the Yeung Wo Hospital at Happy Valley. There was a large gathering present, the majority being Chinese. In consequence the speeches were in Chinese.

The function opened with a group photograph being taken of the prominent members of the gathering together with the Directors and senior members of the Staff of the Hospital.

Speeches were then made by Dr. Li Shu-fan, Chairman of the Directors of the Hospital, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., after which Mrs. Kotewall declared the new wing opened. The gathering then inspected the building and refreshments were later served in both the front garden and the roof garden.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Dr. Li Shu-fan said:—

As Chairman of this hospital I am greatly moved by this ceremony which I regard as a red-letter day in our history.

We are highly honoured that Mrs. Kotewall should consent to perform the ceremony of opening the New Wing. Like her distinguished husband, Mrs. Kotewall is keenly interested in the well-being of the Chinese Community. It is a well-known fact that for many years in spite of indifferent health she has taken an active interest in all affairs pertaining to the well-being of poor women and children, and particularly to the care of the sick. Her sentiments and labours are always shared by her husband, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., an acknowledged leader of the Chinese Community and an indefatigable worker in the cause of the amelioration of human suffering. As a matter of fact this hospital owes him no small measure of gratitude for the advice, guidance and assistance, which he has at all times so willingly and unstintingly given to its Directors in the past. As this is essentially a Chinese institution for the care of the sick, it is but fitting that the New Wing should be opened by Mrs. Kotewall.

Original Directors.

As soon as the property was acquired, the existing buildings were converted into premises suitable for the work of a nursing home. It was in the early part of November, 1922, that patients were admitted for the first time for treatment. The first Board of Directors consisted of Dr. Ho Ko Tsun (Chairman), the late Dr. Wan Man-kai, the late Dr. Jeu Hawk, and Doctors K. L. Kwan, B.C. Wong, Ma Luk and T. P. Woo. Dr. Chau Wai Cheung served as Chairman during the three succeeding years, and since then I have had the honour of acting in that capacity.

During the ten years of its existence, I think that Yeung Wo has abundantly proved its usefulness, and has fulfilled the expectations of its promoters. It has met an urgent need of the Chinese at large. I believe that its popularity is to a large extent due to its accessible and yet quiet location, and its beautiful commanding views of Happy Valley and the Race Course. Perhaps to no less an extent is its popularity due to the fact that we study, and cater for, the needs of our patients to the very best of our ability.

Unique Growth.

I think the growth of this institution is unique. Whereas we commenced work with 28 beds and 5 nursing sisters in 1922, we have to-day 10 sisters and 17 nurses with 67 beds besides 27 private wards in the New Wing. This gives us a total of 94 beds.

In fact, to be exact, the life history of this hospital is only 9½ years, and the actual working period is even shorter by 16 months. The memorable heavy rains of June 1925 and the early part of 1926 were responsible for the complete shutting down of the hospital for 16 months, as the wards and other premises on the ground floor were choked with rocks, debris, etc., washed down from the vicinity of Stubbs Road. Even the garden was turned into an artificial hill of mud and rocks. This catastrophe almost sealed our fate at the time, because while on the one hand we had to close down, on the other hand we had to spend over $10,000 in making good the damages and clearing the debris. It was about the end of 1926, on the reopening of the hospital, that I assumed full charge.

Nurses' Training School.

In the Summer of 1927 we established a training school for nurses. The three nurses then enrolled graduated in the Summer of 1930. The number of probationer nurses to-day is 17.

During 1928 our beds were found to be insufficient. Work was therefore commenced in the building of four private wards on the top of the operating room, with a special duty room attached. The work was completed in the following year at a cost of $12,000.

In 1929 a new mortuary was built at a cost of approximately $5,000. Another $3,000 was spent on improving the kitchen, to permit of European food being served as well as Chinese. Owing to the intention of our Doctors to systematically and gradually extend the work and accommodation of the institution, the former name of Yeung Wo Nursing Home of Hongkong Ltd. was changed to "Yeung Wo Hospital Ltd." in May 1929 by approval of the Governor in Council.

Governor's Visit.

On January 25 of this year we were honoured by a visit from His Excellency the Governor Sir William Peel, who was accompanied by the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, D.M.S.S., and the four Chinese members of Council. The interest shown by His Excellency was a great encouragement to us.

During the last two years the demand for beds was so great that we were unable to cope with the situation. Oftentimes our corridors, nay, even our tea-room was occupied. It is well known to the doctors working in this hospital that even my own office here is more often occupied by patients than otherwise, and so I was perforce driven to work with the staff in the general office. You may now understand the necessity for this New Wing which, after what has seemed an almost endless waiting of 17 months, is now completed.

In connection with the nursing service I desire to mention the good work of Mrs. C. C. Hickling who was ably supported last year by Mrs. E. W. Kirk. Mrs. Hickling did much in reorganising the service during the period when she was acting as visiting matron, which position she vacated in April this year on the appointment of the present Matron Miss Agnes Chan, R.N., a capable and experienced graduate of Toronto.

Under the successive matronships of Miss Chau Luk Koo, Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mrs. E. W. Kirk and Miss Agnes Chan, the nursing service has been brought to a high level, conferring thereby great benefit on both the patients and their attendants.

Operated at a Loss.

Few people are aware that during the past nine years the hospital was operated at a loss: no dividend or interest was paid for four continuous years: and for four out of the five years which were considered prosperous, the Company paid only a dividend of 3 per cent. Only once—1924—was a dividend of 6 per cent. declared. As a matter of fact the Company's Articles of Association do not permit the payment of more than 6 per cent. per annum.

In spite of the demand for beds and the apparent prosperity, we were heavily indebted to our banker for quite a few years. To-day you are good enough to congratulate us on the completion and opening of the new Wing; but I do not know whether this is yet time for congratulations, as our indebtedness has amounted to almost $200,000, while our capital is only $150,000. There is, however, one thing I can say, and that is that we have the courage of our conviction that we are doing the right thing, and we trust that Providence will ever guide us out of our difficulties.

In conclusion I desire to thank the architects Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood, especially their Mr. Leslie Ross who was largely responsible for designing and supervising the work of the building. I found Mr. Ross a man of boundless patience and high skill, besides being a very congenial friend. We are very fortunate in having secured the services of such an eminent firm as Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood as our Architects. In conclusion I should like to thank you, Mrs. Kotewall, for the honour you have done us by performing the opening ceremony, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for your kind presence.

GENERAL NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG RIFLE CLUB.

H.E. MAJOR GENERAL SANDILANDS, C.B., C.M.G., the General Officer Commanding, will open the NEW RIFLE RANGE at Kowloon Tong on SATURDAY, the 21st inst. at 4.30 p.m.

Members and their friends and all interested in Rifle Shooting are cordially invited to attend.

To reach the Range take No. 7 Bus from Star Ferry Wharf (Kowloon) to Terminus where Boy Scouts will give further directions.

W. J. RATTEY,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hong Kong, 18th May, 1932.

SHARE MARKET.

Prices Gradually Hardening.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

There is a steady stream of buying orders coming into the market, and prices are gradually hardening in consequence.

Supplies are not any too plentiful.

Sales.

Union Insurances, $470.
Hotels (Cum Rights), $12.90.
Hong Kong Lands, $77½.
Hong Kong Electrics, $74½.
Lane, Crawfords (Old), $6.60.
Constructions (New), $1¾.

Buyers.

Bank of East Asia, $114.
Canton Insurances, $1,250.
China Fire Insurances, $590.
Union Waterboats, $20.
Benguets, $15¼.
Raubs, $37.
Benguet Explorations, 31 cents.
Wharves, $143½.
Docks, $18½.
Providents (New), $2.20.
Hotels (Cum Rights), $12.80.
Hong Kong Lands, $77½.
Shanghai Lands, Tls. 27¼.
Humphreys, $15.
Hong Kong Realtys, $11½.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13½.
Hong Kong Trams, $21.40.
Peak Trams (Old), $16¼.
Star Ferries, $91½.
Yaumati Ferries (Old), $32½.
Yaumati Ferries (New), $31½.
China Lights (Old), $20½.
China Lights (New), $20.
Hong Kong Electrics, $74½.
Macao Telephones, $24.
Telephones (P.P.), $23.80.
Canton Ices, $5¼.
Cements (Comb.), $18½.
Hong Kong Ropes, $13.70.
Watsons (Old), $13¾.
Watsons (New), $13.20.
Mackintoshs, $19½.
Constructions (New), $1.70.
Wallace Harpers, $12½.

Sellers.

China Underwriters, $4.
South China Motors "B", $12.
Providents (Old), $5.
Hong Kong Ropes, $14.
South China Enterprises, $8¾.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS LIMITED.

Debit Balance Reduced by $7,553.

HEAVY DEATH CLAIMS.

Mr. Robert Shewan presided at the annual meeting of the China Underwriters, Ltd., at noon to-day, and reported with regard to the marine, fire and general business of the Company that the balance to the debit side of the Profit and Loss account has been reduced from $89,560 to $78,007.

With regard to the life assurance business, applications were received during the year amounting to $3,734,905. Life policies were issued for $3,354,774 at annual premiums of $198,135, and applications for $195,294 were declined.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—We have now the pleasure to lay before you our Report and the Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1931, and as these have been in your hands for the required period I will, with your consent, take them as read.

In the Accounts Silver Currencies have been converted to Hong Kong dollars and Gold dollars, Pesos and Guilders and other Gold Standard Currencies to Sterling at the current monthly rates for Revenue purposes and at the market rates on December 31 for Balance Sheet purposes. Rupees and Straits dollars have been converted to Sterling throughout at the parities.

For the purposes of showing the Accounts in Hong Kong dollars the Sterling figures arrived at as above have been converted at the rate of Hong Kong $1=1/5¼.

The differences between the exchange used last year 1/1⅛ and that used on the present occasion 1/5¼ makes the comparison of figures difficult, but I will endeavour to indicate their significances.

Financial Depression.

With regard to the Life Assurance business, in my remarks last year I described the year 1930 as a difficult year. The year under review has been marked by financial depression throughout the world of an unprecedented character. I need not elaborate this point, with which you are familiar, beyond saying that Malaya, Ceylon, Dutch East Indies and India (where the great majority of our Life business has been written) have been also equally affected. The Life Premium Income has decreased from $335,432 to $628,902, which is to a large extent due to the conversion of Gold figures to Dollars at the new exchange. Actually there has been a fall of about £6,000 in Gold income and an increase of $59,000 in Silver income.

Heavy Death Claims.

Death Claims have been somewhat heavy at $167,466. We are, however, probably averaging out on the light claim rate previously experienced and there is some evidence that we may hope for a lighter rate in the current year.

There appears to be a considerable decrease in the expenses, excluding commission, but this is mainly due to the exchange rate at which the Gold expenses have been brought into account. Actually there has been a small decrease in the Gold expenses and a small increase in the Silver expenses.

We have during the year experienced a heavy rate of surrenders and discontinuances which has been the general experience of Life Companies everywhere during the year.

Life Assurance Fund Decreased.

The Life Assurance Fund of $173,349 shows a decrease as compared with last year's figure, but this is entirely due to the different rate of exchange used in converting the Gold portion of the fund. At last year's rate of exchange the fund would have actually shown a small increase.

The Net Premiums in the Marine Department show a considerable decrease at $129,381. This decrease is mainly due to the discontinuance of the premiums under a Marine Treaty, which had proved to be unremunerative; and, further, to the conversion of Gold premiums to Silver at the new rate of exchange. Actually excluding the Treaty income referred to, the premiums remained steady.

Marine Claims at $158,557 show a decrease as compared with the previous year and, although the reserve appears less at $162,942, it actually bears a higher ratio to the premium income than last year. This account, although still very small, is, I think, in a healthier condition than it has hitherto been.

Fire Insurance Premiums.

Premiums in the Fire Insurance Department at $107,023 show a decrease mainly due to the operation of exchange. Claims at $56,891 show a considerable decrease as compared with last year's figures of $114,950. The reserve, therefore, shows an increase not only in amount, but more particularly by comparison with the premium income. In view of the fact that last year we had to transfer $16,223 from the Profit and Loss Account to make up the premium reserve, the results this year show a marked improvement.

Accident Department.

The premiums in the Accident Department show a considerable increase from $42,278 to $64,273, even after allowing for the Exchange adjustment. Actually the premium have practically doubled. The Claim rate has been satisfactory and the reserves have increased considerably, both as regards the amount, i.e. from $27,120 to $43,125, and in relation to the premium income, from 64.1% to 67.1% of one year's income. This account shows a very satisfactory progress.

It will be noted that Funds in excess of requirements for outstanding commitments in the Marine, Fire and Accident Accounts have been kept in reserve, and nothing has been transferred to Profit and Loss. After allocating $5,544 to provide for bad and doubtful debts, the Profits and Loss debit is reduced from $89,560 to $78,007, a reduction of $11,553.

Depreciation in Securities.

It has been the general experience of Life Insurance Companies all over the world this year to face a heavy depreciation in securities which in many cases has involved drawing heavily on the Companies' reserves. We have experienced some depreciation in our book values, but, as the realised profits on investments during the year nearly equalled this depreciation, we have been able to write down our securities without seriously drawing on the Exchange and Fluctuation account, which shows an increase from $133,063 to $137,876. There has also been a further increase in the loans advanced on security of the Company's policies.

In conclusion I should like to place on record our appreciation of the co-operation of the Branch Managers, Secretaries and staff and I have now the pleasure to propose the adoption of the accounts for the year ending December 31, 1931 and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. H. Figueiredo seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Other Business.

Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Mok Ching-kong were re-elected Directors for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. J. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. Chan Nai-pan.

Mr. J. F. Wright, jr., proposed, and Mr. C. H. Basto seconded the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as Auditors for the ensuing year and motion was carried.

UNITED STATES WANT BEER.

But Senate Has Other Opinions.

Washington, Yesterday.

In spite of the great "pro-beer" demonstrations throughout the United States on May 14, the Senate to-day rejected a proposal to permit the manufacture and sale of beer of 2.75 alcoholic strength. — Reuter's Special Service.

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By Athole

All-India Cricket Federation.

Lord Hawke, presiding at the British Sportsmen's Club luncheon to the Indian cricketers read a message from His Majesty the King, welcoming the team to Britain and wishing the tourists a very successful season.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of State for India, said he was trying to create an All-India Federal Government, while the Maharajah of Porbandur had already created an All-India Cricket Federation.

Judging from the present state of the weather the Indians might have a sticky wicket in their opening match, but no politician had a "stickier" wicket than he.

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Success as Dog Fancier.

A former Queen's House A.D.C. in Capt. H. Ramsay Phipps, at the Kensington Canine Society's show at the Crystal Palace won the Wire-Haired Fox Terrier Dog Challenge Certificate with Talavera Pegasus, it being the third time he has bred two champions in one litter. Mr. C. D. Roteh, also late of Ceylon, was successful in the Chow Chow class, with Champion Rochow Dragon.

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Keith Rollo Gold Cup.

The Keith Rollo Gold Cup finals in the Golf competition which took place at N'Eliya recently, attracted much attention. A large gathering followed the play in the final between W. S. Burnett and M. H. Lushington. This match produced golf of a high standard but the play on the greens in a few instances was feeble. Play throughout was of a very even nature and most exciting. The game ended on the last green, Burnett winning one up.

Burnett went out in 37 and back in 40, taking 77 for the round. Lushington took 79 strokes. Mrs. Rollo presented the Cup.

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British Hard Court Championship.

Mme. Mathieu, the French holder of the British Hard Court Championships, easily retained the title at Bournemouth on April 30 beating Miss Dorothy Round, the Whitman Cup player, 6-1, 6-2.

Drizzling rain interfered with the players and the court was slippery. Earlier Fred Perry in spite of the troubled conditions beat Lyttleton Rogers, the Irish Davis Cup player, 4-6, 7-9, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2 in the final.

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Sussex Amateur Championship.

D. Watson (Royal Ashdown Forest) won the Sussex amateur golf championship after a fine struggle with C. S. Hudson (Royal Eastbourne) on the course of the Royal Ashdown Forest Club at Forest Row. The match went to the 37th hole.

Watson finished the first round with a lead of five holes, but Hudson recovered remarkably in the afternoon. Watson's advantage had been reduced to two holes before the players reached the tenth tee in the second round, and eventually Hudson squared the match.

Hudson was the runner-up last year.

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Interport Dinner and Dance.

In connection with the visit to Shanghai of the Hongkong Cricket team, there will be an Interport Dance at the International Recreation Club to-day and an Interport Dinner at the same place on Monday.

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A New Champion Team.

At a luncheon, over which Lord Colwyn presided, at the Lancashire County Cricket Club, to mark the opening of the season, Mr. Arthur Sellars, father of the deputy captain of Yorkshire and himself an old member of the Yorkshire team, proposed the toast of the Lancashire county and Manchester Cricket Club.

In Old Trafford, said Mr. Sellars, they had one of the finest grounds in the country if not the finest. There was no ground in England which had that green appearance of cultivation on the outfield such as there was at Old Trafford. There had been too much pandering to one side of the game. He had taken this up in Yorkshire, and there they had insisted that the bowler should have his fair share of the game. Wickets were nowadays prepared to such an extent that the bowler could not make use of the ground. In Yorkshire they had decided that there would be no over-preparation of the wicket. The wickets would not be covered overnight. Both attack and defence had to take their chance.

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Tribute to Tyldesley.

Mr. T. A. Higson, responding, said: "I am no pessimist with regard to our prospects. We shall have a young team stimulated by youth and energy, and although we shall not have the giants of the past like McDonald, Parkin, and Richard Tyldesley—and I want here to pay a tribute to Tyldesley's great performances for Lancashire, —yet we shall have a fine fielding side, two magnificent wicket-keepers, and a good batting side. If we lose we shall lose like cricketers, and, if we play the game in the right spirit, the result is of minor consequence. We have full confidence in our captain, Peter Eckersley, who can now settle down to build up a new team with which to win the championship. Given fine weather we shall not lack support from Lancashire people."

Mr. Higson called attention to the coaching of their players by Barnes and Parkin, from whom, he said, they expected considerable results. He also paid a tribute to the late Lord Harris, whom he classed with W. G. Grace as one of the two founders of modern cricket.

The other speakers were Mr. P. T. Eckersley, the Lancashire captain, Colonel Westcott, Sir Francis Joseph, and Lord Colwyn.

BEN EASTMAN SETS NEW RECORD.

880 Yards in 51. 3s.

OLYMPIC PROSPECT.

The 880 yards record of Dr. Otto H. Peltzer of Germany, a time of 1m. 51.6s., hitherto considered almost unbeatable in the track world was beaten at the Stanford Oval Pala Alto. Eastman covered 880 yards of cinders recently by Ben "Bangs" Eastman in the new world's record time of 1m. 51.3s., to gain his second championship within a fortnight. It was only two weeks previously that Stanford's blonde flier ran the fastest quarter-mile on record, 46.4s., lowering by a full second the 16-year-old mark of J. E. (Ted) Meredith.

As on the other record-breaking occasion, track officials anticipated another great Eastman triumph and took every possible precaution to make the new time valid. In case Eastman should break the half-mile record, watches were checked, distances were measured, and wind velocity was recorded, and Ben Eastman came through. Eastman took the pole within the first 25 yards and had a five-yard lead at the end of the quarter. His time for the quarter was obviously slow, and spectators settled back in their seats to merely watch Eastman win another race, thinking his chances for a record were very slight. In the second quarter, however, and particularly in the last 22 yards, Eastman stretched his long legs into what seemed a 440 pace, breaking the tape more than 15 yards ahead of his nearest rival.

The meet was a triangular affair between Stanford, the Olympic Club of San Francisco, and San Francisco University. Stanford won with 79 points. The Olympic Club was second with 69, and S. F. U. trailed with 10.

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SATURDAY'S BOWLS.

Hong Kong Electric Team.

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at Kowloon on Saturday, May 21, at 3.15 p.m.:—

A. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, S. Deacon, and W. B. Muskett (Skip).

R. C. Butler, F. Normington, L. de Rome, and A. Webster (Skip).

L. Sloan, J. F. Lunny, D. S. Hill, and F. F. Duckworth (Skip).

Reserves: H. Hatch, and J. R. Way.

Captain: A. Webster.

COUNTY CRICKET CLUBS LOSSES.

Falling Off of Members.

Further cricket balance sheets have been published recently. Thus the annual balance sheet of the Surrey County Cricket Club shows a loss on last season's working of £3,013 12s. 9d. Ten years ago the club was one of the most wealthy among the cricketing counties; but a sum of over £37,000 has since been spent on alterations to the pavilion and the building of new stands, and the amount now invested is only £3,852, while there is a bank overdraft of £1,042. The president, Mr. H. D. G. Leveson Gower, has issued an urgent appeal to members for support to the club in which he says "There has recently been a serious falling off in the number of members. Not only are there no Waiting Lists, but it is feared, judging by the resignations received, that the number of full members will not exceed, 3,500 this year, as against 4,150, the limit fixed by the rules."

Another loss was reported in the balance sheet of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club. This loss, however, which is £784, was made on the actual working last year, but they are able to show a surplus of £874 by the raising of funds by outside efforts.

LATEST BETTING ON THE DERBY.

Orwell Favourite at 7 to 2.

London, April 13.

The following is the latest betting on the Derby:—

33	Andrea
100	April the Fifth
100	Bacchus
20	Beau Frere
100	Blotter
100	Buckle
100	Burnt Mint
33	Canaletto
25	Clustine
50	Cock Bridge
16	Cockpen
33	Corolario
40	Crumpets
20	Dastur
66	Erase
25	Firdaussi
40	Flechier
66	Foxhunter
40	Gainslaw
50	Galvani
50	Gavelkind
100	Happy Manmore
100	Hesperus
100	Hurry Brian
25	Jackdaw the Second.
20	Jiweh
20	Loaningdale
9	Miracle
3½	Orwell
50	Oudenarde
25	Paddington
100	Peter Planet
66	Portofino
100	Radnon
100	Rock Horn
20	Rolling Rock
40	Rooz
50	Royal Dancer
66	Sankate
100	Sea Lord
33	Short Hand
50	Sir Troops
20	Spenser
50	Summer Planet
100	Sunnyborough
50	Taj Kasra
100	Totaig
16	Violator
40	Warrant
100	Within the Law
25	Wyvern

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FASCIST SPORT DISCIPLINE.

Davis Cup Player Suspended.

It is announced in Milan that the Italian Federation have suspended P. Gaslini one of their Davis Cup players, for the next six months. Gaslini, it is alleged, has failed to carry out the rigid instructions of the Italian governing body in regard to training for forthcoming international matches.

Placido Gaslini, the leading player in Genoa, is well known in England having been a member of the Italian team which defeated England at Felixstowe in 1928. He played for Italy in the Davis Cup inter-zone match against America at Auteuil in 1930, and last year won the national doubles and mixed doubles championship of his country.

Mild-mannered and always sporting on court, Gaslini's disagreement with his association is a matter for surprise. One may assume, however, that his temporary suspension is another illustration of the Fascist regime—a discipline which in the last year or two has embraced Italian sport as well as other activities.

During the recent Riviera season G. de Stefani, ranked No. 1 in Italy, was ordered to retire from the final of a Cannes tournament and to return to Italy to train younger players.

Partners "Let Down"

De Stefani was paired with the King of Sweden in the handicap doubles, and a telegram asking that he should be allowed to remain for another day was sent to Rome. The request, however, was refused, and De Stefani was compelled to "let down" his two partners.

Amateur sport in England, fortunately for all concerned, is not conducted on such arbitrary lines. Davis Cup teams must naturally respect the authority of the executive, but older governing bodies, like the British and the French, are wise enough to realise that their players are likely to perform with greater credit to their country and themselves if mutual sympathy is maintained.

THE LAWN TENNIS "STAR."

What He Needs to Play His Best.

FITNESS ESSENTIAL.

What does a first-class lawn tennis player need to help him to play his best game? First of all, a good court is wanted. The Wimbledon standard is, no doubt, the right one, but it is hardly attained elsewhere. The chief joy of the Wimbledon courts is their uniform excellence, writes E. J. Sampson in the Manchester Guardian. Other clubs will have "show" courts—those on which the "star" matches (the money-makers) are staged—up to a very high standard, but the others are often poor. (This provides another inducement to the "rabbit" to become first-class.) Hard courts differ also in quality. Some have a shifting and treacherous surface, some are too fast, others too slow. The first-class player has to accommodate his game to all surfaces. Thus, did not Miss Nuthall recount the number of different courts she had had to play on in America—"en tout cas," cement, asphalt, and others? Then there is wood, a charming surface, yet one on which some players—and Tilden is one—are not at their best. By the way, it is a fairly common fallacy that a hard court, rubble or "en tout cas," is faster than grass, but such is not the case. Grass allows the ball to skid or shoot, but the hard court presents a surface into which the ball can bite, and consequently the game is slower. One remembers Tilden's giant hitting against Cochet on a hard court in Paris during the Davis Cup challenge round, and how often Cochet managed to return those vicious swipes. On a wooden or grass surface the Frenchman would have been often beaten. It is wood that best produces that "blistering speed" which (according to the native reporter) is usually the attribute of the great American match.

A wood court and the absence of wind and sun are the conditions which best suit a player such as Austin, whose game comes to perfection beneath the glass roof of Queen's Club, as in October last, when he took twelve games in succession from Borotra. The sun plays a big role in many matches. Some find their game almost paralysed by having the sun in their eyes. Many courts are not properly planned to avoid this distraction to the players. The reason is sometimes lack of space and sometimes merely bad management.

New Balls and Rackets.

New balls and new rackets are other necessities to the first-class player. New balls are certainly necessary to the production of the best game. The reason is that unless a ball in reasonably new it soon loses weight and is not so easy to control, since it develops a tendency to waver in its flight. New balls are expensive. If they were cheaper there is reason to expect that the standard of play in this country would be higher. What a melancholy sight it is to watch the average game in the public parks and to note the aged balls—not grey veterans these but black and dirty ones—which have long lost their early bounce and weight. The modern tournament racket also has fine stringing, with the gut stretched to its limit. One or two strings may often snap in the midst of an important match. This is why the "stars" take so many rackets into court. Tilden had a supply of 150 when he made his memorable tour of Europe. Before the war many players did not like too taut a racket, and one has memories of George Hillyard bending a new one across his knee, in the endeavour to eradicate some of the "boardiness." You cannot drive so hard with the gut stretched to the limit as when it is somewhat slacker.

The Will to Win.

Then there is the wind to contend with. Here the great player scores. He can hit through it thanks to the purity of his stroke production. A properly hit drive will bore through a tearing wind in a most surprising manner, whereas one not so hit but cut or sliced will be at the wind's mercy. It is much the same with at golf. The player must be fit. That should go without saying, for there is no game that asks more of the players than first-class tennis. A bitterly contested five-setter is a cruel test, and often it is the fitter player and not the better player who will triumph. Hamlin Hunt, one of the secrets of Tilden's many victories. He can play the fifth set as furiously as he did the first. The will to win is also part of the first-class player's equipment—the ability to ignore the score reading five-one against you, and forty-fifteen in the final set. The "star" should be able to grit his teeth and remember that no match is won till the final stroke. What matches one has seen snatched from the fire! The confident player will have a great advantage over the nervous one. Some players are able to face others with a greater reputation with a quiet confidence that they will put up a good fight and may even win. There are others who are nonplussed by a reputation. One knows a girl who asked her opponent: "Have you played at Wimbledon?" On hearing that she had, the haunting displayed itself in a form of condition which made the match a foregone conclusion.

PRIMO CARNERA FOR INDIA.

To Wrestle With Gama.

A London message to "The Statesman," dated April 21, says:—

Primo Carnera is expected to arrive in Bombay about the beginning of October to spend five months in India. Sir Umar Hayat Khan is said to be approaching certain Indian Princes interested in wrestling with a view to making up the large sum which the giant Italian wants as guarantee and finding suitable opponents for him including Gama.

Gama Willing To Meet Carnera.

A Delhi message to "The Statesman," dated April 22, says:—

In a special message telegraph from Amritsar in reply to a message from the "Statesman" last night, Gama, the world's champion wrestler, states that he is prepared to wrestle Carnera when the latter comes to India next cold weather.

As Carnera has apparently agreed to include wrestling in his activities during his visit to this country, there should be little difficulty in arranging a meeting. A match between a man who is the world's champion wrestler and a boxer who is a potential world champion would provide one of the most unique sporting encounters ever seen in this country, or anywhere else for that matter.

It would be almost certain to result in a victory for Gama but Carnera, with his immense physical advantages might prove very hard to beat.

M.C.C.'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

Reduced Gate Money.

Accounts presented at the annual general meeting of the M.C.C. on May 4 showed that the present balance is £8,555, as compared with £6,389 in 1930. Gate money and admission tickets brought in £9,885, more than £5,000 less than in the previous year.

Owing to the annual "wastage" of membership during the past ten years having exceeded the number of candidates that may be elected, the committee have decided to recommend an alteration of rules in order to authorise the election of 200 candidates in each year instead of 120.

The appointment of Lord Hawke as treasurer was recommended, and Viscount Bridgeman (retiring President), Sir Stanley Jackson, Viscount Hampden and Mr. R. C. N. Palairet were candidates for four vacancies on the committee.

SCHMELING—SHARKEY RETURN BOUT.

Max Schmeling, technical world heavyweight champion by virtue of a foul at the hands of Sailor Jack Sharkey, has entered training camp to get in trim for a return engagement with Sharkey.

Little attention has been paid to Schmeling by the public since his recent return from his native Germany and the indications are that America's battle with Old Man Depression will receive a good deal more attention than the approaching mauling match unless the publicity becomes considerably more persuasive than it has proved to date.

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Aftermath of War.

"There never was a good war or a bad peace," wrote Benjamin Franklin in 1773, and the world today is reflecting that same spirit in its attitude to the Sino-Japanese conflict in Shanghai and its aftermath. The historians, when they come to write of that "war" which was not yet a war, in the legal sense, will doubtless search for its origin. At the moment the trouble is not sufficiently remote for us to form a true perspective. Some critics affirm that the murder of Captain Nakamura was a mere excuse, and not the cause celebre it was made out, in some quarters, to be; others maintained that the invasion of Hongkew and Chapei by Japanese forces, the shelling of Woosung and the bombing of the Chinese districts, were designed to "pull wool" over the eyes of the Western world and distract attention from Japan's activities in Manchuria. These and kindred questions it is too early as yet to answer, and perhaps we shall never know the "unseen causes and motives dim" until Japanese policy in the Far East is made apparent and four-square, with tangible results and solid, territorial achievements. That, and a great deal else to do with the dreams of Nippon's foreign policy, depend to no little degree upon the events which are shaping their courses in Tokyo at this day. Cabinets rise and fall and policies are dependent largely on the national influences which hold sway and move the people in their progresses.

It is the steadiest conviction of the average impartial thinker that, whoever caused it, the "war" in Shanghai was wrong. The spirit of all wars is wrong, of course, though some have more justification than others; but that which dehabilitated vast areas in Chapei, causing the deaths of hundreds of innocent women and children, and gravely affecting businesses which had already been hard hit by the world-wide economic depression, was a thousand times more wrong. The fact that, technically speaking, it was no "war" at all, does not mitigate its guilt. Now that it is over, both sides are looking a little shame-faced. In Japan, national opinion, temporally inflamed by the call to patriotism which in every monarchial country is instantly answered, is beginning to fret over its lost trade and ruined businesses. In China, there is a general feeling among the merchant population (a not inconsiderable section of the community), that it is a blessing that it is all over; that peace at any price would have been welcome, and a certain grim satisfaction, not unallied to vanity, that the terms of peace were not too costly to China's sense of dignity. In plain words, there are elements of thought in China which believe that Japan's exit from Shanghai was hasty enough to be only just consistent with "prestige!"

The foreigner, at least, for whom the alarms of war in the East are nothing but a nuisance and a hindrance to trade, will breathe a sigh of relief at the military evacuation. The nerve-racking experiences of three months ago have left the Settlement prostrate, and now even the humblest clerk in every office is eagerly and feverishly repairing the economic damage of the recent past. It is the hope of all the non-politically concerned that balance will be restored.

Of course, there is always some good out of bad, and we hear that the real estate business is likely to "make hay" out of the rack and ruin that is Chapei. Land prices are cheap, since so many householders have been ruined, and perhaps we shall see within the year stately buildings rising over what was admittedly a squalid and over-crowded area. That, so far as we can see, is the only useful outcome of the "war," though the best-directed efforts of architect and builder can never wipe out the ugly stain of bloodshed and famine which the events of the New Year have left in their wake.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. Paul Walliser, missionary, of the Basel Mission, Shamshuipo, and Miss Alwine Else Grauer, also a missionary, of Lilong, near Shumchun.

One case of small-pox was notified to the M.O.H. yesterday.

"TOO MUCH OF AN AUTOCRAT."

An Australian Opinion of Mr. J. T. Lang.

AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

"Too much of the autocrat" was the opinion of the Rev. W. Green, when asked his views on Mr. J. T. Lang, ex-Premier of New South Wales. "The people will not stand for it" said Mr. Green, "and he is very unpopular as a result."

Expressing his views on the conditions of Australia to-day, Mr. Green said that the worst stage of the depression had been passed, and that if a Nationalist Government was returned at the next elections, the country could look forward to a brighter and more prosperous future.

The Rev. W. Green, of Melbourne Cathedral, the oldest clergyman in Victoria, Australia, passed through Hong Kong on his way to Yokohama on a pleasure trip on the s.s. Atsuta Maru. He proposed to return to Melbourne on the same ship.

"I am glad to say, things seem to be picking up a little in Australia" he said when interviewed by a China Mail reporter, "and if the Nationalist Government get in at the forthcoming elections, and everything seems to point in their favour, we may look forward to better conditions.

Labourites Out.

"The Labourites," he continued, "have had their fling, and with their innings over, they have little or nothing to show for it."

"Lang is too much of the autocrat," he continued, "and the people will not stand for it." Instead of investing their money in New South Wales, they are sending it to other places, impoverishing their own State because they have no faith in the Government. There are exceptions of course and the Labour papers are as full of optimism as ever."

"Unemployment does not seem to be so prevalent now," he said, "and I do not think that conditions in Australia are any worse than other places all over the world. One strange feature about Australia just now is that, more people seem to be leaving the country, while fewer are coming in. The restricted immigration, keeping out people who have no bona fide means, is responsible in a large measure for this peculiarity. To a young country like Australia it is not a healthy sign."

This is the Rev. Green's first trip to Hong Kong and he is delighted with everything he has seen. Deeply interested in the Far East, Mr. Green will study the conditions while on his tour to Japan.

Personal Pars.

Among arrivals here from Manila by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia was Mr. H. L. Schultz.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Lionel William Waterman, engineer, living at 118, Gloucester Road, Wanchai, and Marion Chan, of the same address.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Alfred James Palmer, of 114, The Peak, and Mary Isobel H. Norton, of Ingleside, Broomfield, Adel, Leeds, Yorkshire, who is en route on the s.s. Trave.

News in Brief.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Osaka on account of small-pox.

Mrs. Bird, living at 3, Aimai Villas, Kowloon, has reported to the Police the loss of a hanging clock, valued at $50, from her front room.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ending May 14, shows nine cases of small-pox, five cases of diphtheria, two cases of enteric fever and three cases of meningitis. Six deaths occurred from small-pox, one from diphtheria and five from meningitis. Sixty-seven deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis are also reported.

The Salesian Fathers will celebrate this year their Patronal Feast of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians on Sunday. There will be High Mass at 10 a.m. at which a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., and in the afternoon there will be Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 o'clock. All Salesian Co-operators are invited to attend both services.

HON. DR. KOTEWALL ON THE WATER SHORTAGE

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED AT COUNCIL MEETING

NEW METHODS OF SUPPLY SUGGESTED.

STREET FOUNTAIN PROBLEM

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., pursuant to notice, will ask two important questions relating to the water situation at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

In the absence of Dr. Kotewall this morning, being engaged at a meeting of the Executive Council, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D., kindly explained Dr. Kotewall's questions to a "China Mail" representative.

GREAT HARDSHIP.

Dr. Kotewall's questions will be as follows:—

1. In view of the great hardship which residents of the rider-main districts are suffering in having to obtain their water supply from the street fountains in this hot weather, will the Government, as an experiment, restore the supply to the houses in these districts on the same restriction in respect of hours of supply, so as to give the people an opportunity to prove that, in the present acute state of the water situation, they are able to keep down consumption of water obtained through such direct supply, to the same level as that through the street supply; on the understanding that every effort is made by the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council to impress upon the people the imperative necessity for conserving every drop of water, and that the street supply will be reverted to, should it be found that the consumption of a direct house supply appreciably exceeds that of a street fountain.

2. Will the Government state whether any houses in the rider-main districts have been disconnected from the rider-mains and, if so, will it give the reasons for its action, in view of the statement made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, in this Council on September 23, 1929 (Hansard 1929, p. 232), namely:—

"It will, of course, be impossible to discard the rider-main system until there is an assured supply of water available both on the island and on the mainland throughout the year; and the Government will certainly give this Council an opportunity to debate the matter before the rider-mains are abolished."

Joint Views.

Dr. Ts'o told the *China Mail* representative that Dr. Kotewall's questions were formulated after full discussion between the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council and represent their joint views.

With regard to the first question, Dr. Ts'o said that what was proposed in it was in the nature of an experiment. The present system of drawing water at the street fountains, he said, had several disadvantages, foremost among which was the wanton waste from over-filled buckets and tin cans.

Then, said Dr. Ts'o, there was to be considered those who carry water for householders for personal gain at so much per load. These people, who are, of course out to make as much money as they can, try to monopolise the fountains to the exclusion of the weaker people, particularly women and girls. This results in unequal distribution of water, and those who could not afford to pay the professional carriers for their supplies, are hard put to it to get enough water for bare necessities.

Serious Fights.

The carrying out of the experiment suggested in Question No. 1, Dr. Ts'o said, would obviate this unpleasant aspect of the present situation, which is constantly open to the danger of serious fights in public.

Dr. Ts'o said that it was the opinion of himself and his two Chinese colleagues of the council that if the suggestion they put forward was adopted the distribution of water would be more equitable.

The 1929 Shortage.

With regard to the second question, Dr. Ts'o explained that during the 1929 water shortage, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, then Governor, had given an undertaking that Government would not do away with rider-mains without full discussion with members of the Council, and he and his colleagues were desirous of safeguarding against some action being suddenly sprung on the public.

Speaking with regard to the water situation generally, Dr. Ts'o said that his personal views were that the Water Authority during the time of plenty should think of times of need and economise. He said that there were hours at night when the shutting off of water would not impose any hardship whatever, and his opinion was that even in times of plenty the water authorities should utilise this means of economy.

At to-day's meeting, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., will move:—

That the Unofficial Members of this Council in view of the present serious recurrent water shortage, respectfully urge the Hong Kong Government to press the Home Authorities immediately to sanction the commencement of the second section of the Shing Mun Water Scheme.

Chinese Support.

Commenting on this motion, Dr. Ts'o said that the three Chinese members of the Council were in full support of the motion, and he believed that the other Unofficial Members were also in agreement with it.

Dr. Ts'o said that the public did not realise that when a scheme was discussed at the Council it was a scheme until it had received the sanction of the Home Government.

Therefore the complaint is now heard among the public that the Council had been talking about the Shing Mun water scheme for years and yet little had been done, why could they not have gone ahead with it. If they had done so between 1929 and now the present situation would not arise, the public argued.

Home Sanction.

The fact was, said Dr. Ts'o, that the sanction of the Home Government takes a long time to secure, and then, after a scheme had been sanctioned it took time to complete.

Dr. Ts'o was of the opinion that the sanction of the Home Government with regard to the matter referred to in Sir Henry Pollock's motion ought to be got as soon as possible, and therefore he would strongly support the motion at this afternoon's meeting, and he expects very full discussion of the whole water situation.

$5,000 FINE.

Clever Smuggler Outwitted.

At the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of $5,000 with the alternative of one year's hard labour on Tam Wai, a carpenter, who pleaded guilty, through Mr. F. X. D'Almada, jun., to a charge of the possession of 827 taels worth of raw opium, which were cleverly concealed in three strongly constructed camphor wood boxes in a cabin on board the Dutch steamer Tjikembang, lying in harbour.

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Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J.M. & Co.

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Shunko Maru, Japanese str., 5,027 tons, Captain H. Egusa, from Moji, buoy No. A8.—O.S.K.

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FRIDAY, MAY 20.

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Haiphong	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..	Kiungchow	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Chitral, (Due Marseilles, June 17.)	

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels .....May 20, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels .....May 20, 5 p.m.
Registration ....May 21, 9 a.m.	Registration .May 21, 9.45 a.m.
Letters .....10 a.m.	Letters .....10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.

Japan and *South American Ports	Heiyo Maru	10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuen Sang Parcels .....May 21, Noon. Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy	Kaying	3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Madison ..	4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22.

Bangkok via Swatow	Anshun	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.

* Superscribed "Correspondence only."

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Yesterday's Freight Figures.

The Harbour Office Reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday gave a free movement of vessels with a high tonnage. Freights were good, though the inwards failed to reach five figures. The total tonnage entered was 55,640.

There were 11 inward registries, of which four were British and three of four figures, while of the 11 throughs, six were British and four of four figures. One vessel arrived in ballast.

Passengers entered during the period included 196 Europeans and 1,212 Asiatic deck, British vessels carrying 771 out of the total in all classes.

Details follow:—

Nationality	Arr.	H'Kong Cargo Tons	Dep.	Through Cargo Tons
British ...	7	4,182	12	16,047
American .	1	—	1	—
German ...	1	965	1	—
Italian	1	—	—	33
Dutch	1	—	1	409
French ...	1	250	—	—
Norwegian	1	—	2	500
Danish	1	2,908	—	—
Japanese ..	4	1,259	2	6,252
Chinese ...	1	50	3	—
Total ...	19	9,614	22	23,241

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be *added* to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be *subtracted* from the depths.

May 19 to 25, 1932.

Date		High Water Standard Ht. Times. H.	M.	F.	Low Water Standard Ht. Times. H.	M.	F.
Thurs.	May 19 ..	08	10	6.5	01	46	2.1
		21	39	4.8	14	50	0.7
Fri.	20 ..	08	42	7.1	02	24	2.5
		22	35	4.6	15	40	0.3
Sat.	21 ..	09	20	7.5	02	55	2.8
		23	35	4.4	16	34	0.0
Sun.	22 ..	10	00	7.7	03	26	3.1
		—	—	—	17	26	0.1
Mon.	23 ..	00	35	4.2	03	56	3.4
		10	44	7.7	18	25	0.2
Tues.	24 ..	01	35	4.1	04	30	3.6
		11	29	7.8	19	25	0.4
Wed.	25 ..	02	45	4.1	05	04	3.9
		12	16	7.1	20	24	0.7

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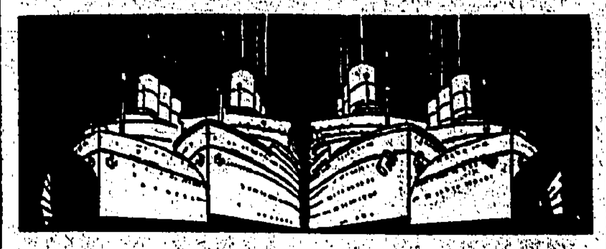

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Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 4
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RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
‡†*BURDWAN	6,500	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
MALWA	11,000	10th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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		1932.	
TALMA	10,000	20th May 6 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
*MIRZAPORE	6,700	28th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
*BHUTAN	6,000	1st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	2nd June	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	6th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokha.
TAKADA	7,000	16th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	6,800	28th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokhama.
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FAREWELL BANQUET TO MR. WODEHOUSE.

Presentation to Crown Prosecutor.

COLLEAGUES' HIGH TRIBUTES.

A farewell banquet was tendered Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Divisional Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong, at the Police Recreation Club last night.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering present, including the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (acting Inspector-General of Police) the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Attorney-General) the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Mr. Walter Schofield, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mr. C. G. Perdue, D.S.P. (Kowloon), Mr. W. Le B. Sparrow, A.S.P., Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., Mr. A. R. S. Major, A.S.P., Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P., Mr. Somerset Fitzroy and Mr. F. E. E. Booker.

During the evening, opportunity was also taken of presenting gifts from the C.I.D. staff to Mr. Somerset Fitzroy who until lately was Crown Prosecutor, and from members of the Club to Mr. C. Blundell, one of the oldest members.

Future Home.

Mr. Wodehouse, who has been in the Force for over 30 years, is leaving on Saturday for Home, making his future home in the village of Brokenhurst, in the New Forest. He is a brother of the famous author P. G. Wodehouse.

The Hon. Mr. King said that Mr. Wodehouse was one of the oldest and most loyal members of the Club having witnessed its transformation from a matshed to the fine building it was to-day.

Mr. King spoke reminiscently of Mr. Wodehouse's past achievements in the realm of sport, his versatility in all branches, and his keen interest, particularly in football. It appeared to him that only lawn bowls did not interest Mr. Wodehouse, but perhaps Mr. Wodehouse was saving it up for his old age.

Integrity and Fairness.

"The purpose of this gathering here to-night," concluded Mr. King, "is not only to indicate our appreciation of your activities in the field of sport, but also to express our appreciation of the qualities you have developed in your official capacity. You entered the Government service in 1897, and it is given to very few European officers to devote over 30 years to the Police service of this Colony. You have always maintained the higher traditions of integrity and fairness in all dealings with fellow members of the force.

With it you have combined a sympathetic consideration which finds its echo in the gathering to-night. In going away, I can assure you, you will be leaving behind a memory of your good sportsmanship which I mentioned before. And now, on behalf of all members, I beg to wish you and Mrs. Wodehouse, most sincerely good luck and many years of prosperity in your home in Hampshire.

"Gentlemen, I'll ask you to rise and drink to the health of Mr. Wodehouse."

The toast was drunk, with musical honours.

Long Service.

Replying, Mr. Wodehouse expressed the regret he felt at leaving and spoke of his earlier sporting activities, and connection with the Club.

In conclusion he looked forward to welcoming any of his friends on their return to his new home in Brokenhurst. He thanked them for their gifts and said they would always remind him of a pleasant association with his friends of the Police Force.

Mr. C. G. Perdue proposed the health of the guests.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax, in replying associated Mr. Wodehouse's long service with the steady expansion of the Police Force, to whom he paid high tribute in having made this Colony one of the least troublesome to live in. Mr. Hallifax said that Mr. Wodehouse had the distinction of being the first European child born on the Peak.

A number of musical contributions were made during the course of the evening, and were much enjoyed.

SEQUEL TO VICTORIA GAP MURDER.

Life Sentence for Send Threatening Letter.

The April Assizes closed before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, in the Supreme Court yesterday, when Cheung Iu-wah, one of the four men charged with the murder of Tsang Tai-kui at Victoria Gap on February 18, but who was acquitted on that charge, was sentenced to imprisonment for life on a charge of causing to be delivered to the murdered youth's father a letter demanding the sum of $10,000 as ransom for the release of the youth. The letter contained a threat to kill the youth if the money was not forthcoming.

Cheung Iu-wah was the man who caused a sensation at the opening of the April Assizes by insisting on pleading guilty to murder. His plea was not accepted, however, and he was given a trial, at the close of which the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Yesterday he pleaded not guilty to the lesser count, but after evidence had been heard the jury found him guilty.

N. K. K. DEFICIT.

Employees on "Waiting List" To Be Discharged.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Officials of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, Japanese shipping firm, intend to conduct a final retrenchment movement soon before reporting the deficit of the current accounting period at a general stockholders' meeting in May. All employees of the company now on the "waiting list" will be discharged, it was learned.

HOTEL LIST.

Guests Staying at the Peninsula.

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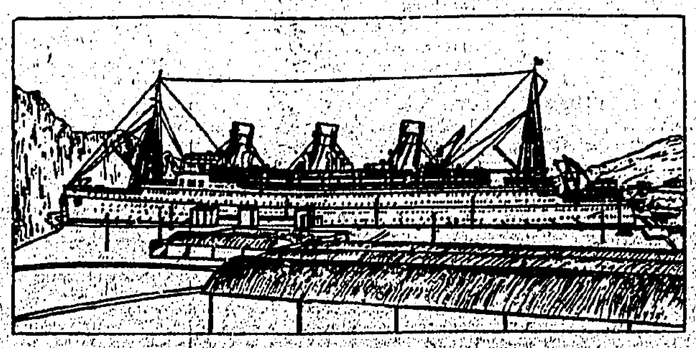

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TAI MING	FRI.	20th	SUN.	22nd	MON.	23rd	TUES.	24th
TAI HING	MON.	23rd	WED.	25th	THURS.	26th	FRI.	27th
TAI MING	WED.	25th	FRI.	27th	SAT.	28th	SUN.	29th
TAI HING	SAT.	28th	MON.	30th	TUES.	31st	WED.	1st
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THE MOTORISTS' PAGE

BRITISH ROAD COURTESY

Some Hints Addressed to Beginners.

POINTS IN DRIVING MANNERS.

On the subject of road courtesy and behaviour towards other users everything that can be said has been said many a time before. Repetition, however, is justified at present on account of the seasonal influx of motorists who hitherto have taken a detached view of the niceties of driving behaviour.

The really important point to bear in mind is that everyone in charge of a motor vehicle should behave to others as he would like them to behave to him. It is so easy to be selfish, obstructive, and otherwise discourteous; but, if we only take a little trouble, it is equally easy to behave in the opposite manner, and unquestionably consideration for others makes driving for all a real pleasure instead of some times a penance. Make the fullest possible use of the road, and allow the other fellow as much, and not as little, room as is possible. By so doing you will greatly assist in speeding up the traffic and, incidentally, relieve yourself of many an irritating delay.

Never bring the car to rest on or near a corner or curve, particularly when there is a white line dividing the road at such a point. A stationary obstruction in the neighbourhood of a corner means a blind spot and danger for passing vehicles.

Again, when it is necessary to make hand signals, make them clearly and do not be content with negligently hanging two or three fingers over the side of the car and moving them vaguely in gestures that overtaking drivers cannot possibly interpret with certainty. Never turn to the right either across the line of approaching vehicles or in such a way as possibly to interfere with an overtaking driver without making the "right turn" signal by holding the right arm straight out to the side and keeping it steady. Also, it is of the utmost importance to give any signals in ample time for them to be acted upon by others.—"Autocar."

MOTOR NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN

From a London Correspondent.

Grounds For Optimism.

THE manner in which the British car industry has outstripped the foreigner in the home market is amply demonstrated by the registration figures for last year. Of 141,392 new cars registered only about 3,000 were imported, while, in the case of commercial vehicles, of a total of 60,000 new registrations only about 1,500 were imported.

The present year has started well, for the sale of new cars is up to last year's figure with the promise of very considerably exceeding it within the next few months and, at the same time, British exports are making decided headway. During the month of January, for instance, Australia imported 204 cars, of which no fewer than 197 were British while in South Africa, the proportion of British car registrations in Johannesburg during January and February were 38 and 39 per cent. respectively, though previously never more than 20 per cent.

Some Busy Factories.

A number of the Midland factories are experiencing very busy times; Standard car sales for example, broke every record in the history of the Company, which goes back nearly 80 years. The rapid rise in popularity of these cars, particularly during the past year, reflects great credit on the manufacturers, who are undoubtedly producing cars to meet the difficult conditions ruling to-day both at home and Overseas.

That the Triplex Co., have been able to make reductions of 25 per cent. in the retail price of their glass is a sign of the tremendous demand at the present time for safety glass. The new Ministry of Transport regulations have brought a big demand from commercial vehicles which formerly to a great extent used plain glass only, but the main factor has been the 100 per cent. standardisation of Triplex by almost every manufacturer, as this is the only means of adequately protecting passengers in the rear seats of cars in the event of a collision.

Showing The World.

The profit of £144,197, which Rolls-Royce Ltd., made last year and which again enabled a dividend of 8 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. to be paid to the fortunate shareholders, is a tribute at once to the excellence of the productions from the famous Derby works and the skill with which the firm's affairs are directed.

In the course of his speech at the annual meeting, Lord Wargrave, the Chairman, referred to the efforts made to develop export trade, especially for aero-engines. Thus, space has been taken at the Greek Aero Show now open at Athens, where one of the new Kestrel engines is shown fitted to the Fairey Firefly, the fastest single seater service aircraft in the world. Many of these machines have already been delivered to the Belgian Air Force and an important delegation from the French Air Ministry visited the work at Derby a few weeks ago.

A Successful Competition.

No fewer than 4,966 entries were received for the Hillman "Judge-a-car" competition; this was a surprisingly high total considering that each competitor had to take a trial run in a Wizard and mark up a special test chart on which 24 separate features of the car had to be awarded points, in accordance with the entrants' estimate of their respective merits.

The winner was the one whose judgment on the car most nearly accorded with the average of the experts, Sir Malcolm Campbell, Sir Henry Birkin and the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, who had each filled up a separate chart.

The South African Police, by the way, have just taken delivery of a Wizard saloon which is to be used for guard work on the diamond mines, for this special work it has been converted into an armoured car with quarter-inch plating.

In The Prize Lists.

In "pre-depression" days each year saw some of the most sought after prizes at the various Concours D'Elegances on the Riviera fall to British cars on which the skill of leading coach-builders are shown to the best advantage.

Even this year over 50 cars took part in the event at Cannes, including some of the most handsome in the world, and it is satisfactory to notice among the prize-winners a Rolls-Royce and a Humber Snipe. By the way, Queensland's new Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson, is taking one of these latter cars to Australia with him.

The prize of 100 Guineas recently offered by Leyland Motors for the oldest of their petrol-engined goods vehicles still in regular service has been awarded to Carter Parterson & Co., owners of a 1908 "X"-type Leyland. This is still covering between 55 and 75 miles a day and has a total mileage of 379,873 to its credit.

Though this longevity is amazing it seems, however, that it is by no means exceptional, judging by the many letters received while the offer was open. In fact, the owners of the winning vehicle have in their fleet no fewer than 27 other "X"-type Leylands dating from 1909-1912.

New Trolley Buses for Birmingham.

A fleet of eleven new trolley buses has recently been built for Birmingham to replace obsolete types in service. The chassis were built by Leyland Motors and embody the main characteristics of the Titan double deck petrol chassis; the complete electrical equipment was designed and manufactured by the G.E.C.

In general appearance these buses are little different from the conventional petrol type and are easy to handle and manoeuvre. The relatively light chassis weight, in conjunction with the high power output of the 65 h.p. 500 volt G.E.C. traction motor has resulted in rapid acceleration and high speed. Fully loaded, with 48 passengers, these vehicles are capable of a speed of 35 m.p.h. on the level, the acceleration to 14 m.p.h. with normal operation of the controller being about 2 m.p.h. per second. Two independent trolleys allow a range of deviation of 18 ft. either side of the overhead wire.

On an actual test over a round trip in Birmingham, the approximate power consumption was 1.58 k.w. hours, during which the vehicle proved exceptionally comfortable and well sprung.

A Novel Motor Horse-Box.

A motor horse-box is nowadays quite a common sight, but the van recently delivered to Lord Howe is an entirely novel production.

As is well known, Lord Hower takes part in many motor races, both at Home and on the Continent, and he has felt the need for a special vehicle in which to transport his racing cars from place to place. The special van body built on the Commer Invader chassis, therefore, accommodates a racing car and also any special gear required for racing. Loading is done by means of a winch and runways and the interior is fitted with a work bench etc., so that it forms a mobile garage.

A Progressive Industry.

Only a short while ago the manufacture of petrol pumps and apparatus of that nature was almost entirely in foreign hands and it is, therefore, highly satisfactory to note the great progress made by an all-British concern, the Hammond Pump and Equipment Co., Last year they executed the largest export order for patrol pumps ever placed in England and in February alone this year their products were sent to such places as Rangoon, Bombay, Jamaica, Athens and Yokohama. Among other interesting activities at the Acton works at the present time is the manufacture of 1,000 portable air compressors for the Dunlop Rubber Co.

In view of the interest now being shown in results obtained by running buses and large commercial vehicles on fuel oil, it is significant that Hammond metering columns are handling this fuel in several garages of the London General Omnibus Co., and a separate plant has recently been installed for a similar purpose for the Manchester Corporation.

From Waste To Profit.

It is not always realised what a wealth of power lies in the waste oil which accumulates at garages and service stations from sumps and gearboxes. Actually, however, this oil can be employed to provide light and power and for battery charging.

The waste oil generating and charging sets manufactured by Newtons of Taunton, comprise a patent single-cylinder engine especially arranged for this form of operation and a direct-current generator. They enable it possible to generate light or charge batteries at remarkably low cost so that the plant is very often [illegible]

NEW OLDSMOBILE SEDAN.

Features of the 1932 Patrician.

HIGHER HORSE-POWER.

The first of the 1932 arrivals in he field of motor cars is the six-cylinder Oldsmobile Patrician Sedan, which has created a great deal of comment and enthusiasm.

Mr. L. E. Zigalnitsky, general manager of Triangle Motors states that Oldsmobile's newest sixes are materially larger, but due to increased horsepower and other improvements give 20 per cent. better acceleration than its predecessors.

The Oldsmobile engineers have succeeded in producing a chassis with a 116 inch wheelbase on which either the eight or six-cylinder engine can be mounted.

Triangle Motors will carry both the six and the eight cylinder models, and the prospective buyer can select the car desired and then decide which engine he prefers.

The new Oldsmobile on display is particularly attractive and is truly "patrician" in design. It is maroon coloured with black top and streamlined in gold.

The long oval radiator shell introduced last year has been retained with modifications, while new lines of hood and cowl accentuate the additional length of chassis and bodies. The profuse use of chromium-plating provides an exterior trimming in keeping with the finish of the interiors.

TRAVELLING SOME.

The nation's 24,000,000 vehicles exceeded their 1930 mileage during 1931 by more than 8,000,000 miles, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce reports.

MOTOR INDUSTRY OVERBUILT.

Demand Exceeded in United States.

STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR REDUCTION.

Values Determined by Earning Power.

Plant facilities in the automotive industry are largely overbuilt on the basis of the present 2,000,000 annual production rate according to Albert R. Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corp., in a letter to stockholders recently. Against this production rate, the industry has capacity for 9,000,000 cars a year be said. To correct this condition so far as the Studebaker Cor. is concerned, stockholders will vote on a proposal to reduce the stated value of common stock which will provide a surplus for the writing down of plant facilities, good will and other items.

In his letter, Mr. Erskine pointed out that "values of manufacturing property tend to be determined by potential earning power rather than by book values." He continued:

Future Prosperity.

"From the standpoint of existing competitive conditions in the industry, which is largely overbuilt in plant facilities with a capacity of 9,000,000 cars and a present output of 2,000,000 our future prosperity and profits and our stockholders' interests would be best served by reducing the book value of our plant facilities and effecting savings in depreciation and otherwise which would result from such action. The capacity of our plants remains the same regardless of book valuation but their efficiency expressed in manufacturing costs is directly measured by book valuation.

"In view of the fact that the corporation has heretofore transferred surplus earnings to common stock capital account for stock dividends, and the entire capital surplus to be created, including the substantial sum of G$38,051,529 thus transferred, can be made available for writing down the book valuation of plant facilities, goodwill and other capital assets, it seems manifestly proper and reasonable that the change should now be made.

Preferred Stock.

"It is also proposed to amend the certificate of incorporation so as to legally decrease the capital stock by the amount of preferred stock which the corporation has purchased pursuant to the provisions of the certificate of incorporation requiring it annually to purchase outstanding preferred stock. The G$7,200,000 par value of preferred stock to be retired represents the accumulated purchases of the corporation to December 31, 1931. It has already been retired and cancelled, so that the proposal merely gives legal effect to what has already been done in fact. It should result in some saving in taxes.

"The directors and management recommend approval of the plan to stockholders of the corporation with the provision that no part of the capital surplus so created shall be used for dividends on the common stock so long as any of the preferred stock of the corporation remains outstanding."

The proposed readjustment contemplates decreasing the stated value of the common stock from G$40 to G$20 a share, returning to the surplus account G$38,051,520, representing stock dividends declared and in addition crediting surplus 1,961,413 shares.

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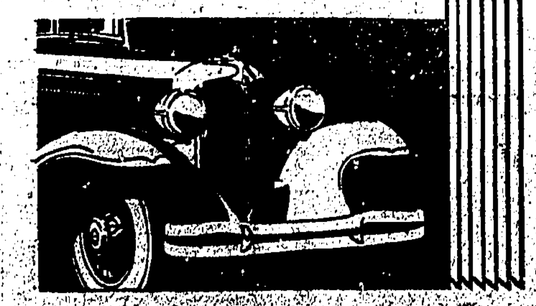

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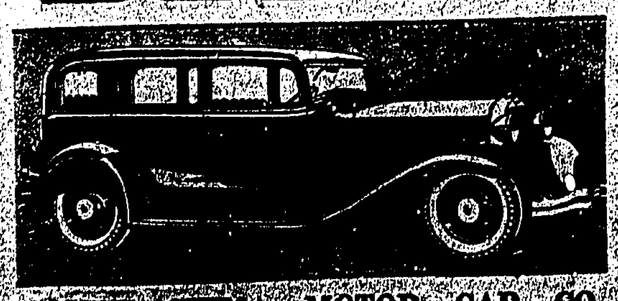

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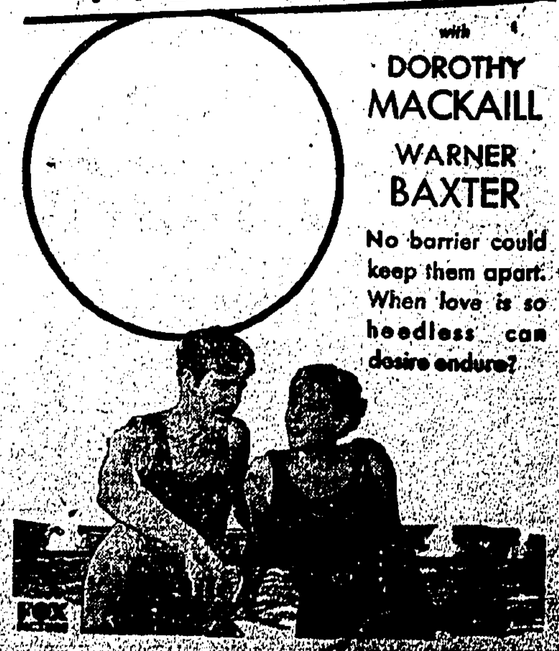

CURTIS TO PAY PENALTY OF CRUEL HOAX

CHARGED WITH GIVING FALSE INFORMATION

MOVEMENTS ON NIGHT OF CRIME BEING CHECKED.

BOOTLEGGER'S DISCLOSURE

As a sequel to the cruel hoax which Mr. John H. Curtis, the "millionaire" Boston shipbuilder, confessed that he perpetrated on Colonel Lindbergh regarding the kidnapping of his baby, Curtis has been charged with giving false information to the Police.

The authorities are anxious to trace Curtis's movements on the night of the crime, although his wife has presented them with an alibi. It is feared that Curtis may attempt to take his life out of remorse.

CURTIS LIES FOR 15 HOURS.

Trenton, To-day.

"Millionaire" Curtis has been lodged in gaol in default of bail of $10,000. It needed all the rigorous of a "third degree" examination to separate the truth from the numerous "hoaxes" such as his statement that a smuggler named Parzych had confessed to have assisted the gang to kidnap the baby."

Curtis persisted in his circumstantial narrative throughout a fifteen hours' cross-examination and then admitted it to be a fabrication.

Startling disclosures are expected to be made by Doctor Condon, the schoolmaster who transmitted the $50,000 ransom to the kidnappers in the bronx cemetery." Dr. Condon admitted that his full story has not yet been told.

Trenton, Yesterday.

Curtis has been formally charged with wilfully giving false reports regarding persons alleged to be guilty of the crime.

Hopewell, Yesterday.

The Police have revealed that Curtis attempted to persuade Col. Lindbergh to deposit $25,000 in a Norfolk Bank in Curtis's name as "evidence of good faith" and to advance the ransom payment, but Lindbergh refused because he was not satisfied that the kidnappers with whom Curtis said he was in contact really had the child.

Sensational Disclosure.

New York, Yesterday.

A sensational disclosure was made to-day when Curtis made a confession after being confronted by an unnamed Scottish bootlegger, who accused Curtis of swindling him of a large sum by failing to carry out a promise to "buy influence" for the bootlegger with the Norfolk Police authorities.

Fearing that remorse may tempt Curtis to commit suicide, the Police are keeping him under close observation. The Norfolk (Virginia) Police are checking Curtis's movements on the night of the kidnapping. It is understood that Mrs. Curtis stated that her husband was at home that night.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH TRADE REVIVES.

Marked Increase in Exports.

LARGER PROPORTION THAN IN 1931.

Encouraging Board of Trade Returns.

London, Yesterday.

The returns published by the Board of Trade reveal that the proportion of imports from British countries in the January-March quarter showed a marked increase as compared with corresponding periods of 1931 and 1924.

British countries also took a slightly larger proportion of United Kingdom exports than last year and a considerably greater share than in 1924. During the first quarter of the current years 34.34 per cent. of United Kingdom imports were consigned from British countries.

In 1931 and 1924 the proportions were 30.13 per cent. and 30.69 per cent. respectively; 43.83 per cent. of United Kingdom exports against 43.01 in the first quarter of last year and against 40.94 in the corresponding quarter of 1924, were absorbed by British countries.—British Wireless Service.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

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Hong Kong Team.

The Hong Kong team is:—
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A. H. MADAR (I.R.C.)
A. R. MINU (I.R.C.)
W. T. PATTERSON (C.C.C.)
TWELFTH MAN:—
D. McLELLAN (C.S.C.C.)

Shanghai.

The probable Shanghai eleven is:—
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W. MANSEL-SMITH
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T. W. R. WILSON
J. A. ISAACS
A. J. BARSON
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S. R. KERMANI
C. B. W. ROBSON
A. L. S. HARRIS
TWELFTH MAN:—
A. C. SINCLAIR

Sixteenth Visit.

This is Hong Kong's sixteenth team to visit the Northern port. The team, in the opinion of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, a veteran Interporter, is very well balanced with a great variety of bowling. Its excellence lies mainly in its fielding, but there is not a single outstanding or reliable batsman in the side. The eleven will not only be facing a very formidable Shanghai combination, but the genius of Donald Leach, the Northern skipper.

Shanghai have won 14 matches out of the matches played, and Hong Kong 15, and thus considerable interest is being centred on this match.

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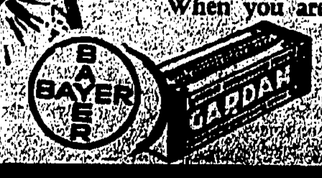

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